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OF

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THE *Governors of* Robert Gordon's *Hospital, in Virtue of the Powers granted them by the Deed of Mortification, and Charter from the Crown, did at divers Times make some Alterations of the original Statutes, and sundry By-laws for the Government of the Hospital; but these By-laws and Alterations being dispersed thro' their Minute Books, were difficult to be found out, and not sufficiently known by the Officers, Servants, and others.*

The Governors therefore, in the Year 1781, *held a General Visitation, and made a strict Enquiry into the Management of the Hospital in all its Departments, and thereafter appointed a Committee of their Number, to excerpt from their Minute Books, all Alterations of the Statutes contained in the Deed of Mortification, and other standing By-laws, and to form a full Set of Statutes and Rules for the Management of the Hospital in its various Departments. And the Committee having made Excerpts, and formed a Set of Statutes and Rules, which they had collected from the Statutes in the original Deed of Mortification, and from the Excerpts of the Alterations and other By-laws, adding what other Rules they thought necessary, did present the same to the Governors.*

And the President and Governors, having taken them under Deliberation at several General Meetings, did finally, at a General Meeting held for the special

ſpecial Purpoſe, the 12th Day of April 1784, *unanimouſly approve of theſe Statutes and Rules, and appointed them to be obſerved by all concerned in Time coming. And they ordered the Deed of Mortification, a Tranſlation of the Charter from the Crown, theſe Statutes, the Alterations from the Deed of Mortification, and other ſtanding By-laws, to be printed, for the Information of all concerned.*

DEED

DEED

OF

Mortification and Diſpoſition,

BY

ROBERT GORDON,

MERCHANT IN ABERDEEN,

1731.

BE IT KNOWN to all Men, by theſe preſent Letters, Me, ROBERT GORDON, Merchant in *Aberdeen*, only lawful Son in Life, to the deceaſt Mr. ARTHUR GORDON, Advocate. FORASMUCHAS, I have deliberately and ſeriouſly (for theſe ſeveral Years by gone) intended and reſolved, and am now come to a full and final Reſolution Preamble.

and Determination, to make a pious Mortification of my whole Subſtance and Effects, preſently pertaining, reſting and owing to Me, or which ſhall happen to pertain, and be reſting to Me, the Time of my Deceaſe; and that towards the building of an Hoſpital, and for Maintenance, Aliment, Entertainment and Education of young Boys, whoſe Parents are poor and indigent, and not able to maintain them at Schools, and put them to Trades and Employments. Which Reſolution purely proceeds from the Zeal I bear and carry to the Glory and Honour of God; and that the true Principles of our holy and Chriſtian Religion may be the more effectually propagated in Young Ones; and that the Knowledge of Letters and of lawful Employments and Callings may flouriſh and be advanced in all ſucceeding Generations. THEREFORE wit ye Me, the ſaid ROBERT GORDON, to have given, granted, and for the pious Uſes above and after-mentioned, perpetually in all Time coming, freely mortified, deſtinated and diſponed; LIKEAS, I, by the Tenor hereof, from Me, My Heirs, Executors, Aſſigneys and Succeſſors, GIVE, grant, and for the pious Uſes above and after-mentioned, perpetually in all Time coming, mortify, deſtinate and deſpone, ALL AND HAILL the Sum of TEN THOUSAND POUNDS Sterling Money, or ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as the Patrons and Governors of this My Mortification and Hoſpital after-mentioned,

Sum mortified is 10,000l.

tioned, ſhall receive and recover of My Effects, after My Deceaſe, in virtue of the Right, Diſpoſition and Aſſignation underwritten, and that for the Uſes, Ends and Purpoſes, and conform to, and in the Terms of the Rules, Statutes and Conditions of this My Mortification, hereafter particularly inſerted and ſet down. AND FOR MAKING this My Mortification effectual, after My Deceaſe, wit ye Me, the ſaid ROBERT GORDON, to have ſold, aſſigned, transferred and diſponed, and be thir Preſents, from Me, My Heirs, Executors and Succeſſors, and all other My Aſſigneys, ſell, aſſign, transfer and diſpone to, and in Favours of the PROVOST, Baillies, and the remanent Members of the Town-Council of the Burgh of *Aberdeen*, and the four Miniſters of the Goſpel in the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*, commonly called the Town's four Miniſters of the Old and New Churches, who exerciſe the Paſtoral Charge there, and to their Succeſſors in their reſpective Offices, PROVOST, Baillies, Town-Council, and four Miniſters of the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*, in Truſt, for the Uſes, Ends and Purpoſes after-mentioned, conform to, and in the Terms of the Rules and Statutes under-written, ALL AND SUNDRY My hail Goods, Gear, Debts, Sums of Money and others whatſomever, Principal Sums, Annualrents, Penalties and liquidate Expences, preſently pertaining, reſting and owing to Me, or that ſhall happen

Truſtees named.

General diſpoſition to them.

to pertain and be reſting and owing to Me, the Time of my Deceaſe, whether by heritable, real or perſonal Security; with all Gold and Silver Specie, and others whatſomever that ſhall happen to be lying by Me the Time of My Deceaſe, of whatſoever Value, Quality, Specie or Denomination, together with all Bonds, Bills, Diſpoſitions, Aſſignations, Tranſlations, Obligations, Tickets, Decreets, Miſſives, Decreets of Adjudication, Grounds and Warrants of the ſame, heritable Bonds, Contracts of Wadſett, Procuratories and Inſtruments of Reſignation, Precepts and Inſtruments of Seiſin, Charters, Infeftments and others raiſed and following thereon; together alſo, with all other Writes, Rights, Evidents and Securities whatſomever, made, granted and conceived, or that may be any wiſe interpreted to be conceived in favours of Me, at any Time during My Life; together ſicklike with all Lands, Tenements, Heritages and others belonging to Me, Mails and Duties thereof, with the Rights and Securities of the ſame, preſently in My Perſon, or that ſhall happen to be ſtanding in My Perſon, the Time of My Deceaſe; hail Heads, Tenors and Contents thereof, Clauſes, Obligements and Conditions therein contained, with all that has followed or may follow thereupon; together with all Action, Inſtance, Purſuit and Execution, real or perſonal, following or competent to follow upon the haill Grounds of Debt above aſſigned and diſponed, either intended

intented and carried on, or that ſhall happen to be intented and carried on, during my Life-time: TURNING and TRANSFERRING the Right of the haill Premiſes from me and my Foreſaids, to, and in Favours of the ſaids PROVOST, Baillies, Town-Council, and four Miniſters of the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*, and their Succeſſors in their reſpective Offices, whom I, be thir Preſents, ſurrogate and ſubſtitute in my full Right, Vice and Place of the ſame, for the Uſes, Ends and Purpoſes after-mentioned, with full Power to them to uptake, lift and receive, mell and intromit with the haill Goods, Gear, Debts, Sums of Money, and other Subjects above diſponed and aſſigned, immediately after My Deceaſe, ſuit, call and purſue therefore, and for Implement and fulfilling to them of the haill Writes, Rights, Evidents and Securities conceived, or that ſhall be conceived and ſtanding in My Favours, and to intent and purſue all Proceſſes thereanent as they ſhall think proper; and to proſecute and follow furth all ſuch Actions and Proceſſes as ſhall happen to be intented and purſued by Me in my Life-time, and to bring the ſame to a final Concluſion, as they ſhall think neceſſary; Decreets and Sentences thereon to obtain, and cauſe be put to due Execution, compone, tranſact and agree thereanent; Acquittances, Diſcharges, Renunciations, Grants of Redemption, Diſpoſitions and Conveyances

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to grant thereupon; and generally, all and ſundry other Things requiſite and neceſſary to do, uſe and exerce in and about the haill Premiſes, ſicklike, and as fully and freely in all Reſpects as I could or may do, at any Time, during my Life; Declaring this preſent General Diſpoſition and Aſſignation (for the Uſes, Ends and Purpoſes, and conform to, and in the Terms of the Rules, Statutes and Conditions of this My Mortification, particularly after-expreſt) to be alike valid, ſufficient and effectual to the ſaids PROVOST, Baillies, Town-Council and four Miniſters of ABERDEEN, and their Succeſſors in Office, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if every particular of My haill Goods, Gear, Debts, Sums of Money, heritable and moveable, and Lands, Heritages or Fiſhings, and haill Rights, Securities and Conveyances thereof, preſently ſtanding in My Perſon, or that ſhall be granted and tranſmitted to Me hereafter, were herein ſpecially and particularly diſponed and aſſigned in the moſt ample Form, diſpenſing hereby with the Generality of this preſent Right, Diſpoſition and Aſſignation, and renouncing all Imperfections, Objections and Exceptions of the Law whatſomever, that may be, or can be proponed or alledged in the contrary; and binds and obliges Me and My foreſaids, to warrand this preſent Right and Conveyance in all Things, and conform to the Tenor hereof, at all Hands, and againſt all deadly, as Law will; under and upon the Condition and

and Proviſion always after-ſpecified, conceived in my own Favours allenarly, and no otherwiſe; and to iterate, renew, amplify and extend this preſent Right and Conveyance as oft as need beis, ay and while the ſame be found valid and ſufficient by Advice of Men of Law and Judgment, keeping always the Subſtance above-written, unleſs I think fit to alter, innovate, cancell or annul thir Preſents, by Virtue of the Faculty underwritten. AS ALSO, I bind and oblige My Heirs whatſoever, to make up all proper and legal Titles in their Perſons, to ſuch heritable Subjects as ſhall be ſtanding in My Perſon, at the Time of My Death, and then to tranſmit and convey the ſame in Favours of the ſaids PROVOST, Baillies, Town-Council, and four Miniſters of the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*, and their Succeſſors in their reſpective Offices, in Truſt, for the Uſes, Ends and Purpoſes after-mentioned, and to do every other Thing neceſſary for denuding Me and My ſaids Heirs, of all and whatſomever heritable and real Subjects that ſhall be ſtanding in My Perſon, at the Time of My Death: AND FURTHER, to the Effect that all My perſonal and moveable Subjects, preſently pertaining, reſting and owing to Me, or which ſhall happen to pertain and be reſting and owing to Me, the Time of My Deceaſe, may be fully and legally veſted in the Perſons of the ſaids PROVOST, Baillies, Town-Council and four Miniſters of the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*,

deen, in Truſt, for the Uſes, Ends and Purpoſes after-expreſt: I, be thir Preſents, make, nominate, conſtitute and appoint the ſaids PROVOST, Baillies, Town-Council, and four Miniſters of the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*, and their Succeſſors in their reſpective Offices, to be My ſole and only Executors, haill and univerſal Legators and Intromitters (for the Uſes and Ends after-mentioned) with My haill Goods, Gear, Debts, Sums of Money, and other moveable Subjects whatſomever, preſently pertaining, reſting and owing to Me, or which ſhall happen to pertain and be reſting and owing to Me, the Time of my Deceaſe, with Power to them to mell and intromit therewith, immediately after My Deceaſe, and if Need beis, to give up Inventaries thereof, and expede a Confirmation thereon, and all other neceſſary to do thereanent, that to the Office of Executors and univerſal Legators is known to appertain, and uſed in the like Caſes. AND I hereby expreſly ſeclude and debar My neareſt of Kin from the ſaid Office of Executory, and all Benefit competent to them thereby, unleſs I ſhall think fit to exerce the Faculty underwritten; DECLARING always, likeas, it is hereby expreſly provided and declared, That as I am to have the Management and Adminiſtration of My haill Effects during My Lifetime, and to uplift principal Sums, as well as Annualrents, and to make all proper Tranſactions in My Affairs and Buſineſs; ſo I am determined, and I hereby bind and

Town-Council and four Miniſters, named ſole Executors.

and oblige Me to ſettle and employ ſuch Sums as I happen to uplift or acquire hereafter, and to take the Securities thereof in favours of Myſelf, and after my Deceaſe, payable to the ſaids PROVOST, Baillies, Town-Council, and four Miniſters of the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*, and their Succeſſors in their reſpective Offices, in Truſt, to be applied for the Uſes, Ends and Purpoſes after-mentioned, but with the Faculty always after-ſpecified. AND ALSO DECLARING hereby, That albeit this preſent Deed of Mortification, with the haill Writes, Rights and Securities, hereby conveyed, or any of them, ſhall be found in My Cuſtody, or in the Cuſtody of any other Perſon at the Time of my Death, undelivered to the ſaids PROVOST, Baillies, Town-Council, and four Miniſters of the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*, or their Succeſſors in Office: Yet nevertheleſs, the ſame ſhall be reputed and holden to be delivered Writes and Evidents to all Intents and Purpoſes, with the not Delivery whereof I have diſpenſed, and be thir Preſents diſpenſes for ever, renouncing all Exceptions and Objections proponable in the Contrair, unleſs I exerce the Faculty aftermentioned. LIKEAS, I hereby deſtinate and appoint, That the ſaid Sum of TEN THOUSAND POUNDS Sterling Money, or whatever Sum or Sums of Money the ſaids PROVOST, Baillies, Town-Council, and four Miniſters, and their Succeſſors in Office, ſhall happen to recover and make effectual, of my

haill Effects, heritable and moveable, in virtue of this present Right and Conveyance (after Payment of all my just and lawful Debts and Funeral Expences) SHALL be by them stocked, secured and employed upon Land, Bonds, Obligations, or other sufficient Security from Time to Time, for erecting and maintaining an HOSPITAL, and for the Maintenance, Aliment, Entertainment and Education of young Boys, conform to, and in the Terms of the Rules, Statutes, and Conditions of this my Mortification after-mentioned. AND, TO THE END this my Mortification may be the more effectually answered and obeyed after my Decease, I hereby APPOINT and ORDAIN the following Statutes and Rules to be observed and followed in all succeeding Generations, for erecting and managing my Hospital and Mortification, for the Uses, Ends and Purposes after-mentioned, *viz.*

The 10,000l mortified, to be employed for erecting and maintaining an Hospital for boys.

I.

To be called Robert Gordon's Hospital.

THIS Hospital shall be called, in all succeeding Generations, ROBERT GORDON's HOSPITAL, founded by his Appointment, for entertaining and educating indigent Male-Children and Male Grand-Children of decayed Merchants and Brethren of Guild of the said Burgh of *Aberdeen*, of the Name of GORDON, in the first Place, and of the Name of MENZIES, in the second Place, (the nearest Relations of the Mortifier, of the said Names of GORDON and MENZIES, being always

always preferred to any others) and the Male-Children of any of the Relations of the Mortifier, that are of any other Name, in the third Place, to be preferred to others; and then the Male-Children or Male-Grand-Children of any other Merchants and Brethren of Guild of the ſaid Burgh, in Manner after mentioned. BUT, the Right of the ſaid Hoſpital, whole Stock, and Revenues thereof, ſhall be always in, and remain with the ſaids PROVOST, Baillies, Town-Council and four Miniſters of the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*, and their Succeſſors in their reſpective Offices, in Truſt, perpetually in all Time coming, under their Adminiſtration, for executing the Ends and Purpoſes after-mentioned, in manner, and conform to the Rules after-recited: and the Houſe and other Accommodation for the ſaid Hoſpital, ſhall be erected, built and finiſhed out of the Annualrents and Profits of the ſaid Sum of TEN THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING Money, or ſuch Sum or Sums as are hereby mortified by me, and ſhall be recovered and made effectual of my Effects, after My Deceaſe, upon any fit Place, within the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*, where the Patrons and Governors ſhall think fit, or upon the Piece of Ground called the *Black-Fryars*, lying upon the North-Side of the *School-Hill* of the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*, to be feued for that Purpoſe, or to be purchaſed, if it can be done legally; but the principal or capital Stock, is ſtill to remain entire, and no Child-

Place where to be built.

The capital Stock to remain entire, 'till the building is paid.

ren to be entered, or received into the ſaid Hoſpital, until ſuch Time as the Annualrents of the ſaid capital Stock have defrayed and diſcharged the whole Expence of the Building, and the Price beſtowed in purchaſing the Ground where the ſaid Hoſpital is to be built, and Year and Day thereafter, at leaſt; that ſo there may be a Fund of growing Annualrents for entertaining and educating the ſaids Boys: the Sum to be expended in carrying on and finiſhing the ſaid Building, not exceeding THIRTY THOUSAND MERKS SCOTS Money, and no Part of the Stock, Annualrents, or Profits thereof ſhall be applied otherwiſe than for the Uſe and Benefit of the ſaid Hoſpital.

No more than 30,000 Merks to be expended in building.

II.

Every Governor to have a ſeparate vote.

THE Management and Adminiſtration of the Affairs of the ſaid Hoſpital, ſhall ſtill be in the ſaids PROVOST, Baillies, Town-Council and four Miniſters of the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*, for the Time being, who are to be perpetual Patrons and Governors of the ſaid Hoſpital; and each of the ſaids PROVOST, Baillies, Town-Council, and four Miniſters, are to have a ſeparate Vote and Suffrage in all Matters and Things whatſomever, relating to the ſaid Hoſpital, and the Members thereof.

The Provoſt to be Præſes.

And the PROVOST of *Aberdeen* ſhall be the ordinary Præſes; but none of the ſaids Perſons ſhall enter upon the Adminiſtration, or ſhall have any Voice or Intereſt in the Concerns of the ſaid Hoſpital, until He or They ſolemnly

ſolemnly ſwear the Oath *de fideli*, whereof the Tenor follows:

Governor's Oath.

I A. B. *do ſolemnly ſwear and promiſe before God, That to the beſt of my Knowledge and Power, I ſhall carry and demean myſelf faithfully and honeſtly in all Matters which concern the Election of the Officers or Children, or any thing elſe belonging to* ROBERT GORDON's HOSPITAL, *founded and erected for the maintaining and educating the Male-Children and Grand-Children of decayed Merchants and Brethren of Guild of the Burgh of* ABERDEEN; *and if I know any going about, at any Time, to defraud or prejudge the ſaid pious Work, I ſhall obſtruct it to my Power, and reveal it to the Governors.*

Time of Admiſſion.

AND it is provided, that the Governors, who ſerved in the preceeding Year, continue 'till the third *Monday* of *November* yearly; and ſo ſoon as the Præſes ſhall adminiſter the Oath *de fideli* to the new Governors, who are to be advertiſed to be preſent in order to their Admiſſion, ſuch of the former Governors as are not continued, are to be honourably diſmiſſed; and immediately after receiving the new Governors, the Præſes ſhall exhort them to make Conſcience of the Overſight and Management of the Hoſpital, in all its Concerns; and for that End to attend the quarterly and other Meetings; and any of the Miniſters preſent ſhall exhort the Maſter and Servants within the Hoſpital to diſcharge their reſpective Duties faithfully and exactly, and the Child-

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ren to behave as becometh, and to profit by the Means of their Education. And the ſaids Governors ſhall have Power to make further By-laws and Rules for the better Adminiſtration of the ſaid Hoſpital and Affairs thereof, the ſame being noways derogatory to what is declared to be fundamental, nor to the Rules and Statutes now adjuſted, (except the ſame ſhall be altered in Manner after preſcribed.) The ſaids Governors ſhall likewiſe have Power to order the raiſing and uplifting the principal Sums, the re-employing thereof, and to carry on the building of the Houſe and Garden-Dykes or Walls, and to contract for every thing neceſſary for that Purpoſe.

Power to make By-laws.

And to uplift, and re-employ principal Sums.

III.

Times and Place of Meeting.

ALL Elections and Concluſions that concern any way the Hoſpital, ſhall be only made and done in the ordinary meeting Place, within the Building thereof, unleſs unavoidably impeded; and until the ſaid Hoſpital be built, in the High Council-Houſe of *Aberdeen*; and their Quarterly Meetings ſhall be as follows, *viz.* The third *Monday* of *November*, the third *Monday* of *February*, the third *Monday* of *May*, and the third *Monday* of *Auguſt* yearly; and the firſt Meeting ſhall be upon the third *Monday* of any of the aforeſaid Months, next and immediately following my Deceaſe, at which Day the Governors are to take the Oath *de fideli*, and mark their firſt Sederunt, and chooſe their Treaſurer

Treaſurer and Clerk: And further, when Occaſion requires, the Provoſt may conveen the ſaids Governors more frequently, or they may adjourn themſelves to other Dyets, beſides the firſt Quarterly Meetings, and Dyet for electing the Treaſurer, and Dyets for Election of the Boys after-mentioned.

IV.

THAT, in all things relating to, and concerning the ſaid Hoſpital, all the Patrons and Governors above-mentioned, who happen to be for the Time within the Burgh of *Aberdeen*, or Liberties thereof, ſhall be warned by the Officer of the eldeſt Baillie of *Aberdeen* for the Time, who is to ſerve as Officer to the ſaid Hoſpital, and is to have the yearly Fee and Allowance of Officer.

and the ſaids Patrons and Governors being ſo warned, (whereupon the Officer is to make a judicial Declaration, in Preſence of the Meeting,) it is hereby expreſly provided and declared, that the PROVOST, four Baillies, and remanent Members of the Town-Council, and the ſaids four Miniſters (who are Patrons and Governors, as ſaid is) ſhall, each of them, have a ſeparate and diſtinct Vote and Suffrage in electing and chooſing the Boys that are to be received into the ſaid Hoſpital, and in chooſing the Treaſurer, Maſter, Clerk, Schoolmaſter, Steward, Cook, and all other Servants and Members neceſſary about the Hoſpital, and in doing and tranſacting the whole

whole Matters, Things and Affairs relating to and concerning the ſaid Hoſpital, and the Management and Adminiſtration thereof, and Funds and Revenues belonging thereto, and Direction of the haill Members thereof. AND WHATEVER ſhall be concluded upon by the Plurality of Voices of the Patrons and Governors who ſhall be preſent, ſhall ſtand in full Force, and be a final Act and Deed, there being always preſent thereat, no leſs than Eleven; who, with the PROVOST, Quorum. are declared to be a QUORUM; and, in Abſence of the PROVOST, the eldeſt Baillie of *Aberdeen*; and, in his Abſence, the next eldeſt Baillie to him; and, in Abſence of the ſaids Baillies, any other choſen Preſes by the Meeting, for that Occaſion; who, or any of them, with the Eleven, make up the Quorum, in Abſence of the PROVOST.* And every ſuch Act and Deed ſhall be ſubſcrived by the Præſes and the ſaid Eleven Patrons and Governors, or what more ſhall be preſent at the Time, and by the Clerk of the Hoſpital. AND IN CASE there happen to be an equal Number of Patrons and Governors preſent at the Meeting, and that they differ among themſelves in any Matters or Things that come before them; and that one Half of them vote one way, and the other Half another way, ſo as there happen a Parity of Votes, it is hereby declared, that Præſes to have the caſting vote. the PROVOST, or in his Abſence, the Praeſes, preſiding for the Time, ſhall have the caſting-Vote,

* See Excerpt, November 18, 1782.

Vote, and the Party joining with the PROVOST or Praeſes, ſhall decide the Matter.

V.

Treaſurer.

UPON the ſecond *Monday* of *November* yearly, * there ſhall be choſen by the Governors of the Hoſpital, a ſufficient Merchant in *Aberdeen*, to be Treaſurer of the Hoſpital for a Year; whoſe Office ſhall be, to receive all the Hoſpital-Rents and Annualrents; to keep all the Stock and Money belonging to the Hoſpital; to pay Wages and Allowances due to the Officers and Servants, and all Neceſſaries for the Children, or any others belonging to the Hoſpital; to look diligently to the Reparations of the Building: And he is to uplift and re-employ again, principal Sums, only when ordered and directed by the Governors. And as he will have Occaſion to be frequently in the Hoſpital, he is to obſerve and ſuperintend the Maſter, Officers and Servants in the Hoſpital, their Conduct and due officiating in their ſeveral Stations; and is required to report to the Governors, his Obſervation of their Miſbehaviour or Neglect of Duty; and he ſhall have the Privilege of being preſent at all the Meetings of the Governors. The Treaſurer ſhall be elected by Plurality of Voices of the Governors preſent; and, in their Preſence, before he exerce, he ſhall ſolemnly ſwear;

Nature of his Office.

* See Excerpt, April 12, 1781.

His Oath. I A. B. *elected Treasurer of* ROBERT GORDON's HOSPITAL, *founded for maintaining and educating of Male Children and Grandchildren of decayed Merchants in Aberdeen, do swear and faithfully promise, with my best Skill and Power to discharge all that is required of me by the Statutes of the said Hospital, truly and honestly. So help me God.*

AND the said Treasurer is to have the yearly Fee and Allowance of

VI.

To be continued at Discretion of the Governors. THE Treasurer of the said Hospital may be continued for two Years or longer, if the Governors shall think fit to elect him of new, yearly. He shall yearly make up his Accompts of his whole yearly Intromissions, which shall be fairly written in a Book keeped in a good Form, and continued in the Records of the Treasurer's Accompts, and delivered to the Auditors after-mentioned, on the second *Monday* of *November*, yearly; and after the saids Accompts and Report thereon, are perused by the Governors, and approven by them, they shall discharge the Treasurer of the same; and thereafter the saids Accompts shall be exactly copied, and entered in the Records of the Treasurer accompting, and his Successors in Office, to the end that the discharged Accompts may remain with the old Treasurer, for his Exoneration; and the Governors of the Hospital shall finish their Approbation of the

Manner of his accounting and Time

the ſaids Accompts of the Treaſurer's Intromiſſion, before the Admiſſion of the new Governors of the Hoſpital for the enſuing Year, to the end that the Treaſurer's Accompts may be judged by ſuch as know and can beſt underſtand how he hath acted, and that he may not be troubled with Attendance for clearing his Accompts after he is out of his Office; and at his Removal from his Office he ſhould deliver up to the ſucceeding Treaſurer, all the Accompts, Books, Papers and Rights which belong any ways to his Office, or may give Inſight for the diſcharging the ſame, or which may any ways belong to the Hoſpital; of which Papers, two Inventaries are to be made and ſubſcrived by the ſaid old Treaſurer and his Succeſſor, one to be kept by each of the ſaids Perſons, and all to be digeſted and kept in the Treaſury-houſe of the ſaid Hoſpital, in good Order. And the Benefactors of the ſaid Hoſpital, their neareſt of Kin or Repreſentatives, are hereby allowed, if they pleaſe, to be preſent with the ſaid Auditors, in their auditing. If the Treaſurer ſhall die, or by any neceſſity be removed from his Office, the Governors ſhall within one Month after his Death or Removal, proceed to the Election of a new one, obſerving the Rules before-mentioned.

VII.

THERE ſhall be choſen by the New Governors of the Hoſpital, out of their own Num-

Four Auditors of Accompts to be choſen.

ber, upon the third *Monday* of *November*, four Auditors of the Treaſurer's and all other Accompts belonging to the Hoſpital, who, or any two of them jointly and met together, ſhall peruſe and conſider the Treaſurer's quarterly Accompts, the fourth Day after the end of each Quarter, or ſooner, if they can with Conveniency; and the Treaſurer and Auditors ſhall deliver to the Body of the Governors aſſembled, at their quarterly Meeting, their Accompts of the three laſt Months paſt fairly written in a Book, containing all the Sums leſs or more, paid during that Space, with their Report ſubſcribed, which ſhall be read publickly, and there either comptrolled, or allowed; the Allowances thereof ſhall be made under the Hand of the Clerk of the Hoſpital, and ſubſcribed by the Praeſes and eleven of the Governors of the Hoſpital; which Book of Accompts, of three Months, ſo allowed, ſhall lie open for the Space of eight Days thereafter, upon the Table, ſo that if any of the Governors, or thoſe who may have given Donations, or their Heirs, (but none elſe) have a Deſire to peruſe them, they may; and if they find any Overſight or Fault therein, the Diſcoverers thereof are charged on Conſcience, to reveal it to the Governors, who ſhall take Care to correct and amend it. The third *Monday* of *November* yearly, the Auditors ſhall deliver up to the Body of the Governors aſſembled, the whole preceeding Year's Accompts, where they ſhall be compt-

Manner of auditing & paſſing Accompts.

rolled

rolled or allowed, every Man as is expreſt in the quarterly Accompts. The Election of Auditors ſhall be by Plurality of the Suffrages of the Governors, or their Quorum, and they ſhall give their Oaths *de fideli*, in Preſence foreſaid; and if any of them ſhall happen to die or not accept, the Governors ſhall, within Ten Days, elect one in his place: And for making the auditing of the Accompts more expeditious, it is expreſly provided, that before the Treaſurer pay any particular Accompts of Merchants, Tradeſmen or others, excepting the ſtated and ſettled Proviſions for the Diet of thoſe in the Hoſpital, which is to be regulated by the Governors; the ſaid Accompt or Accompts ſhall be laid, at leaſt, before two of the Auditors met together, who ſhall viſit the Work, conſider the Accompt, and report their Opinion thereanent to the Governors, who are to approve or reſtrict, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe, and ſhall give Warrant to the Treaſurer, for Payment of ſuch a Sum, in Satisfaction thereof, as they ſhall ſee juſt.*

Accounts to be warranted before payment.

VIII.

THAT the Clerk of the Hoſpital ſhall be choſen by the Governors of the Hoſpital, and continue in the ſaid Office during their Pleaſure only; whoſe Office ſhall be, fairly and faithfully to keep in Order all the Evidents and other Papers whatſoever, belonging to the ſaid Hoſpital, and to attend the Governors at their Meetings, to draw all Orders and Reſolutions made by them, and to

The Clerk to be choſen by the Governors.

The Nature of his Office.

* See Rules for Treaſurer, VII. VIII. IX. X.

to keep a clear and distinct Record or Digest of all their Proceedings, marking down upon the Margin of each Sederunt, the material Thing transacted that Day, and to make up an alphabetical Index, pointing to the particular Sederunt or Statute, where every Matter concerning the Hospital is treated of. He shall, likewise, have the sole Benefit of drawing and composing of all Manner of Evidents, Securities and Writings which shall be made betwixt the Hospital and any Person; and before his Admission, he shall take the Oath *de fideli*, and shall have quarterly paid him by the Treasurer, the Sum of

besides the ordinary Fees for drawing any Securities or Writings concerning the Hospital; and recommends to the Governors to make Choice of Mr JAMES UDNY, Advocate in *Aberdeen*, to be their Clerk to the said Hospital, for the first Year, to be continued in the said Office during the Governors Pleasure and his good Behaviour, as Clerk to the said Hospital.

IX.

Master of the Hospital.

His Qualifications and Duty.

THERE shall be an unmarried Man, of good Respect, and free of the Burden of Children; or a Widow who has no Children, or whose Children are all forisfamiliate, chosen Master to the Hospital, who shall have Power to govern the Children and Servants within the same. His principal Care shall be, to see that the Children and Servants be brought up and

and inſtructed in the Fear of GOD; and therefore he ſhall, every Lord's Day, and *Thurſday*, ſometime in the Afternoon, catechiſe and inſtruct the Children and Servants in the common Grounds and Principles of Faith and Chriſtian Religion, contained in the Scriptures of Truth. And if any of the Children or Servants ſhall be guilty of Miſdemeanors, ſuch as ſwearing, lying, fighting, ſpoiling of their Clothes, or Chambers, or the like, he ſhall take Care that they receive due Correction and Chaſtiſement: And alſo, he ſhall take particular Notice that all the Officers and other Servants within the Hoſpital diſcharge their Duty that is enjoined to them by theſe Statutes; and in caſe any of them be remiſs or negligent, that he repreſent the ſame to the Treaſurer or Governors. NEXT, his Care ſhall be, to take in, once every Week, the Steward's weekly Accompts, and overſee that the ſettled Allowances be duly diſtributed to all within the Hoſpital by the Steward; that he, from his proper Knowledge, may be able to ſign the Steward's Accompts, the latter End of each Month, which the Treaſurer may comptrol, and when preſented to the Auditors, they have a Power to do the ſame; and the Governors ſhall have Power to comptrol the whole. And therefore the Governors ſhall take ſpecial Care that the Maſter to be elected, have theſe Qualifications, *viz.* That he be a Man of the true Proteſtant Religion, well-affected to the Proteſtant Succeſſion;

ceſſion; fearing God; of honeſt Life and Converſation; of ſo much Knowledge, as to be fit to teach the Catechiſm and Principles of our holy Chriſtian Religion, and to keep the Worſhip of God by Prayer and Praiſes twice a Day; and that he as oft read, or cauſe ſome of the Children read, a Portion of the holy Scriptures diſtinctly; that he be of ſo much Diſcretion as to be fit to govern and direct all that live within the ſaid Hoſpital, and of that Care and Prudence as to be fit to take Account of the ſame; that he ſhall not be under Years of Age; and that he and the Schoolmaſter of the Hoſpital, ſhall conduct the Boys every Lord's Day to the Church, ſit with them, and obſerve their Behaviour; and beſide the attending of the public Worſhip in the Church, there ſhall be Worſhip kept in the Hoſpital, as above, thrice every Lord's Day. And further, the Maſter and Schoolmaſter ſhall be at Pains to catechiſe the Children particularly upon this Day, and to take Account from them what they have obſerved of the Lectures and Sermons in the Church, and to recapitulate to them the Heads thereof. His Election ſhall be by the Patrons and Governors, or their Quorum, (as the Treaſurer's Election is appointed) and before his Admiſſion, he ſhall take the Oath *de fideli*, in Preſence of the Governors, whereof the Tenor follows.

Oath to be taken by the Maſter.

I A. B. *elected Maſter to the Hoſpital, founded by* ROBERT GORDON, *Merchant in* ABER-

ABERDEEN, *do ſwear and faithfully promiſe before GOD, That to my beſt Power, I ſhall diſcharge all which the Statutes of the ſaid Hoſpital do require of me, and ſhall do my beſt to ſee all the Statutes of the ſaid Hoſpital obſerved by others within the Hoſpital. under my Care and Inſpection; and do promiſe faithful Obedience to the preſent Governors, and their Succeſſors in Office. So help me God.*

AFTER which he ſhall have given him Poſſeſſion, by ſome of the Governors thereto appointed, of the Maſter his Lodgings; and in Preſence of the Children and Servants, be publickly declared Maſter over them, and they commanded to yield all reſpectful Obedience to him in all things he ſhall command them, under the Pain of being expelled from the Hoſpital. And for his better underſtanding what is the Governors Inclination with reſpect to the Hoſpital; tho' he has no Vote, yet he ſhall be allowed to ſit and be preſent with the Patrons and Governors, at all their Meetings; and he ſhall not be any Night out of the Hoſpital, without Leave of the Præſes, or at leaſt, two of the Governors. He ſhall keep, in a Book, an exact Inventary of the Houſhold Pleniſhing, Furniture and Linens, and deliver the ſame to the Governors yearly, Days before the Treaſurer's making up his annual Accompts, that the Governors may reviſe and put an Eſtimate upon the ſame, to be entered

The Maſter not to be a Night out of the Hoſpital without Leave.

the Treaſurer's Accompts, as a Branch of the Stock. If, at any time, the Maſter ſhall marry, his Place ſhall thereby become void; and if, at any time, he ſhall be convicted before the Governors of the Hoſpital, of any Scandal or Crime, he ſhall therefore be depoſed: if at any time he ſhall be found to be remiſs or negligent, he ſhall be publickly admoniſhed by the Governors, and the Admonition recorded; and if thereafter he ſhall offend in like Manner, he ſhall be depoſed.

In caſe of Infirmity or old Age, to be maintained in the Hoſpital for Life.

And if through Infirmity, Old Age, or otherwiſe, he ſhall become unable to exerce the Office, which ſhall be made unqueſtionably appear before the Governors, then he ſhall reſpectfully be diſmiſſed from the ſaid Office; but if he has ſerved therein any conſiderable Time, at leaſt ten Years, and be not able to maintain himſelf, and if he pleaſes to accept thereof, he ſhall be allowed Lodging and Maintenance in the Hoſpital, during his Life-time. In caſe of his Depoſition, Death, or Diſmiſſion, the Governors ſhall, with Conveniency and Expedition, enquire for, and elect a new one. He ſhall receive from the Treaſurer, quarterly, the Sum of

X.

Schoolmaſters.

THAT the Children of the Hoſpital may be carefully taught in the Knowlege of Letters, and the Arts and Sciences after-mentioned; there ſhall be one or two Schoolmaſters,

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as the Number of the Boys in the Hoſpital may require, and as the Governors ſhall think fit, whoſe Office ſhall be to teach them to read *Engliſh* and the *Latin* Tongue, in ſo far as the Governors ſhall think fit they ſhould be taught within the Hoſpital; and if they can, likewiſe teach them Writing, Arithmetic in all its parts, Book-keeping, and the common Parts of Vocal Muſic: And if ſuch Schoolmaſters cannot be got to teach the whole Arts and Sciences above-mentioned, then the Governors are ſpecially to take Care to provide one that is particularly ſkilled in Writing, Arithmetic, Book-keeping and Vocal Muſick, who ſhall come to the Hoſpital at ſtated Hours to be appointed by the Governors, to teach them the Arts above-mentioned; and if one Perſon cannot be got, qualified to teach all theſe, then the Governors may employ different Perſons to come at different Hours, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe. The Schoolmaſter, beſides his ſpecial Part of Duty above, ſhall be careful to ſee that the Children, their Chambers be keeped clean, their Clothes handſome, and all other Parts of the Hoſpital free from Abuſe. They ſhall correct the Children for their Faults; as for their own Qualities of Life, good Report, *&c* and for the Manner of their Election, Admiſſion, Depoſition, and Election of new ones in their Place, it ſhal be, in all Points, the ſame as expreſſed in the Rules which concern the Maſter; and in all the Duties of their Office, ſhall be ſubject to

Their Duty and Qualifications.

his Overſight and Direction; and the ſaid Schoolmaſter ſhall aſſiſt in catechiſing and examining the Boys, particularly upon the Lord's Day, as is enjoined the Maſter in the foregoing Chapter; and ſhall alſo be careful to catechiſe and inſtruct the Children in the Principles of the Chriſtian Religion, in their ſeveral Claſſes, on ſome other Day of the Week, as the Governors ſhall think fit. He or they muſt be unmarried, and free of the Burden of Children; and if he or they be qualified to teach all the above-mentioned Arts, he ſhall receive from the Treaſurer, quarterly, the Sum of

but if he only teach *Engliſh* and *Latin*, he ſhall receive from the Treaſurer, quarterly, the Sum of

XI.

Steward.

Nature of his Office.

THERE ſhall be choſen, an unmarried Man or Widower, free from the Burden of Children, of good and honeſt Report, to be Steward to the Hoſpital: He ſhall have the Charge of keeping and of diſtributing all the Proviſions within the Hoſpital, and ſhall ſet down, in a particular Accompt-book, what is conſumed every Day within the Hoſpital, which any of the Governors may inſpect when they pleaſe, in the Hoſpital only. And at the End of every Month, he is to ſum up a Total what has been conſumed that Month; and what is not conſumed of the ſeveral Proviſions, is to be a Part of the Charge of the following

following Month; and for making the Treaſurer's Work the more eaſy, he may be entruſted with a Sum not exceeding *Thirty Shillings Sterling* at one time, for petty Deburſements about the Hoſpital, which he is to account for to the ſaid Treaſurer. He ſhall have the Overſight and Keeping of the Table-furniture, and ſhall lay the Table-cloths in Time of Meals in the Hall, and he ſhall overſee the making ready of the Diet of all within the Hoſpital, that the ſame be exactly and neatly done; and in all the Duties of his Office, he ſhall be ſubject to the Overſight and Direction of the Maſter. He ſhall be elected and ſubject to Depoſition in the ſame Manner as the Maſter, and ſhall receive from the Treaſurer, in Name of Fee, quarterly, the Sum of

XII.

THERE ſhall be choſen by the Treaſurer, and Auditors of the Accompts, an unmarried Man or Widower, free of the Burthen of Children, of good and honeſt Report, to be a Cook to the Hoſpital. He ſhall be charged with the clean and exact Dreſſing of the Victuals, and ſhall have the Overſight and Keeping of the Utenſils belonging to the Kitchen, which ſhall be delivered to him upon Inventary. He ſhall keep the Court and Hall clean, ſweeping the ſame after every Meal. He ſhall lock the Gates at all Times of Prayers and Meals, and bring the Keys to the

Cook.

His Office.

the Maſter ſuch Hours as ſhall be appointed by the Patrons and Governors, and ſhall put on the Fires; and in all the Duties of his Office, he ſhall be ſubject to the Direction of the Maſter; and ſhall be continued or removed at the Pleaſure of the Treaſurer and Auditors.

XIII.

Men-Servants. THAT two or more Men-ſervants, as ſhall be found neceſſary, ſhall be choſen by the Patrons and Governors, who are to be under the Inſpection and Direction of the Maſter;

Their Duty. and their Charge ſhall be to keep clean all the Rooms in the Hoſpital, to make the Beds, and to attend ſuch of the Members as ſhall be ſick; one of which Servants is to be charged with, and to be anſwerable for, the Bed and Table-Linen, and other Clothes belonging to the Hoſpital, and for the Body-Linens and Clothes of the Boys, and is to give out of the Hoſpital the foreſaid haill Clothes to be waſhed or mended as oft as neceſſary, to ſuch fit Perſons as the Governors ſhall appoint for that end; and ſhall receive them in again when waſhen or mended; which Servants ſhall be removed, and others choſen, at the Diſcretion of the Governors.

XIV.

Governors to regulate Fees. THAT the Blanks for Fees and Salaries in theſe Rules and Statutes, and other Blanks for Sums of Money, be filled up by the Governors

vernors, after due Conſideration and Experience of what may be ſuitable to be allowed; and that none bearing Office in the Hoſpital, preſume to exact or receive any Gift or Perquiſite from the Children, their Parents or Friends, under the Pain of Deprivation. No Gifts to be taken.

XV.

THERE ſhall be choſen and admitted into the Hoſpital, ſo many Boys as the ſtated and certain Revenue ſhall be able to maintain, *(deductis deducendis)* with this Exception only, in Reſpect to the firſt three Years, to prevent the Boys going out all at once, and over-burdening the Hoſpital with Sums that will fall to be paid to them at their going out: The Governors, for the firſt Year, are only to chooſe as many Boys as a third Part of the Stock will maintain; and the ſecond Year, as many Boys as another third Part of the Stock will maintain; and the third Year, as many Boys as the laſt third Part of the Stock may maintain, ſo that the third Year there may be as many Boys in the Hoſpital as the whole Stock can conveniently maintain, THEY BEING Boys of the Sirname of GORDON, in the firſt Place, and of MENZIES in the ſecond Place, and Boys of any other Sirname who are my Relations, in the third Place, to be preferred to all others, but all of them being ſtill Sons and Grandſons of Burghers of Guild of the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*; and then ſuch Boys as are Sons or Grandſons of any other Manner of electing Boys. Order of Preference.

other Perſons, who are, or have been Burghers of Guild, and actual Indwellers within the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*, who are indigent and not able to maintain themſelves: AND IN CASE it ſhall happen that there be not ſo many Boys of the Sirname of GORDON or MENZIES, or Boys of any other Sirname that are my Relations, or any other Boys who are Sons or Grandſons of Burghers of Guild of the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*, as the ſaid Hoſpital can contain; THEN, AND IN THAT CASE, I appoint and ordain the ſaids Patrons and Governors, to elect and chooſe ſo many Boys of the Sons or Grandſons of Tradeſmen of the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*, being Freemen and Burgeſſes thereof; and failing theſe, ſo many Boys as have been born and educated in the ſaid Burgh, and are the Sons or Grandſons of Perſons who are or have been Reſidenters in the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*, who are indigent and cannot maintain themſelves, as the ſaid Hoſpital and Revenue thereof can conveniently contain and admit of, with Preference always to theſe of the Name of GORDON and MENZIES and my own Relations above-mentioned, in caſe of receiving any of the Sons or Grandſons of Tradeſmen or Reſidenters, in virtue of the foreſaid Article, RESERVING always to the Patrons of the particular Patronage after-ſpecified, their Right and Privilege of preſenting Boys in the Terms of the following Rules;§ AND IT IS expreſly provided,

§ See Appendix and Inſtructions to Parents, &c. I.

vided, That no Boys be choſen, who are under eight Years of Age, or above Eleven Years of Age‡ ; and that they be wholeſome, and ſound in their Bodies, at their Entry to the Hoſpital, and each of them decently apparelled. AND SEEING the Intention of this Foundation is only to relieve the Poor, as is before-mentioned ; none are to be choſen, untill their proper Certificates of their indigent Circumſtances, from the Miniſter and Kirk Seſſion of the Bounds where they reſide, be laid before the Governors, with the Documents of their Age, and that their Governors be fully ſatisfied that they are truly Objects of this Charity ; and the Conſciences of the Governors are hereby ſtrictly charged not to chooſe any but ſuch as are proper Objects of the ſame.* AND IT IS ſpecially recommended to them, not to receive into the Hoſpital, a greater Number of Boys than they can reaſonably ſuppoſe the then ſtated and certain Revenue of the Hoſpital will eaſily maintain, with a Reſerve of ſuch a Part of the ſaid certain Revenue, to be added to the Stock, for defraying Accidents, and paying Apprentice-Fees, and other Sums to be paid after their Apprenticeſhips, and after their going out of the Hoſpital, as they ſhall judge proper. IT BEING alſo expreſly PROVIDED, That in caſe it ſhall pleaſe God, that any of the Boys, one, or more, ſhall at any Time, after

Boys not to be received under eight Years of Age, nor aboveeleven.

Nor without proper Certificates of their Poverty.

Boys who afterwards acquire a Fortune to repay Expence.

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‡ See Inſtructions to Parents, II.

* See Appendix and Inſtructions to Parents, No. IV. 4.

their Departure out of the ſaid Hoſpital, attain or ſucceed to any conſiderable Fortune or Stock in the World, that each Boy attaining to ſuch a Condition, ſhall be obliged to pay back to the Hoſpital, what was laid out and expended on them, during the Time they were in the Hoſpital, and putting them to a Trade, or otherwiſe; and the Governors are hereby required to purſue for, uplift and receive the ſame from them, according to the following Rule, *viz.* If they acquire and ſucceed to Two Thouſand Merks *Scots* Money, of free Stock, they are to pay back one Half; and if they acquire and ſucceed to Four Thouſand Merks Money foreſaid, of free Stock, then they are to pay back the haill that was beſtowed on them. And in caſe any of the Boys of the Hoſpital ſhall at any Time turn debauched by Drunkenneſs, Swearing or Whoring, turbulent or diſobedient to the Maſters, the Governors are hereby empowered to expel them out of the Hoſpital, altho' it were near the Time of their going out. The ordinary Election ſhall be twice in the Year, *viz.* the third or next lawful Days of *April* and *October* yearly, when it is to be conſidered by the Governors what Vacancies there are, and how many the ſtated and certain Revenues of the Hoſpital (making Reſerve as above) is able to maintain; that ſo many Boys qualified as before expreſt, be immediately choſen.* They ſhall

Debauched Boys to be expelled.

Times of Election of Boys.

* See Excerpt, 3d of October, 1781.

ſhall have Lodging, Bed, Diet, Waſhing, and common Fires allowed them, beſides their being educated and taught in Manner foreſaid. They ſhall be decently apparelled in Clothes made after the Faſhion of the Time, or ſuch Faſhion as the Governors ſhall think fit; their Clothes being all of one Colour and Faſhion. They may continue in the Hoſpital, until they be fourteen, fifteen, or at moſt ſixteen Years of Age, compleat; and thereafter they ſhall be put to Merchandizing, or lawful Trades and Employments, according as their Genius and Inclination leads them; and there ſhall be given the Sum of *Ten Pounds Sterling* as Apprentice Fee to a Merchant, and *Five Pounds Sterling* as Apprentice Fee to a Tradeſman, as an Apprentice Fee for each of them;‡ ALL to be bound for five Years. And if the Patrons or Governors ſhall think fit at any Time to diminiſh the ſaids Apprentice Fees, they may do it at Diſcretion. AND FURTHER, after their Apprenticeſhips, if they behaved themſelves faithfully and diligently during the whole Years of their Apprenticeſhips, and for one Year thereafter, if they have been Apprentices to Merchants, they ſhall have the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds Scots*, given them; and if Apprentices to Tradeſmen, *One Hundred Pounds Scots* ſhall be given them to begin trade with, if the Patrons and Governors of the Hoſpital think they deſerve it‡. And it is particularly recommended to the Treaſurer of

Their Clothes all one Colour and Faſhion.

Boys to continue in the Hoſpital till ſixteen Years of Age.

Apprentice Fee.

Allowance after Apprenticeſhip.

‡ See Excerpt, 3d of April, 1755.

the Hoſpital, and Auditors of his Accompts, That they be at Pains to know the Capacity and Genius of the Boys, two or three Years before they go out of the Hoſpital, that they may be able to judge what Buſineſs or Trade they will be fitteſt for, that ſo their Education in the Hoſpital may be adapted to their Genius, to fit and qualify them for the Employments they are to follow.

XVI.

Donators of 200 l. & their Heirs to have liberty to preſent one Boy for ever.

WHATEVER Perſon, Company, Corporation or Society ſhall give a Donation to the Hoſpital, of *Two Hundred Pounds Sterling*, they and their Heirs ſhall have Right of preſenting a ſound and wholeſome Boy, who is Son or Grandſon of an honeſt Burgeſs of *Aberdeen*, whom the Governors ſhall find to be truly an Object of Charity, in Manner above-preſcribed, and of the Age before-mentioned; and as often as any of the ſaids Preſentations ſhall vake, the Patrons thereof ſhall have the ſupplying thereof, after the ſame has vaked for ſix Months; PROVIDING they preſent within a Year after the expiring of the ſaid ſix Months; otherwiſe that the Preſentation ſhall fall, *pro iſta vice*, in the Hand of the perpetual Patrons and Governors of the ſaid Hoſpital, who may elect or chooſe a Boy, in Manner, and according to the Order and Rules before preſcribed.

XVII.

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THAT if any Perſon or Perſons, come to the Age of fifty Years and above, ſhall mortify any Part of their Eſtate to the Hoſpital, the Governors are hereby impowered to negotiate with them for ſuch an Annuity, during their Lives, as ſhall ſeem reaſonable and correſpondent to ſo charitable a Diſpenſation of their Goods. And if any Perſon or Perſons, having made a Donation to the Hoſpital, ſhall afterwards become indigent; in that Caſe, the Governors ſhall be at Liberty to give ſuch an Allowance as they think is ſuitable to their Cicrumſtances and Donations. And all Perſons whatſomever, who ſhall, at any Time hereafter, mortify a Sum to the Hoſpital, their Names ſhall be honourably recorded in the Books, and alſo put up in gilded Letters upon a Wall within the Hoſpital. And if any Perſon ſhall give and mortify to the ſaid Hoſpital, a Sum not below the Sum of *Two Thouſand Pounds Sterling* Money, he ſhall be aſſumed and conjoined, in all Time thereafter, with Me, the ſaid ROBERT GORDON, in the Name and Title of the ſaid Hoſpital, and be reckoned a Founder of the ſame with Me, the ſaid additional Donations being always to be employed for entertaining and educating Boys that are indigent, and qualified to be choſen and admitted into the ſaid Hoſpital, in the Terms of the foregoing Statutes; the Mortifier

Mortifiers above fifty Years of Age to have an Annuity.

Mortifier of 2,000 *l. ſterl.* ſhall be conjoined in the Name and Title of the Hoſpital.

tifier of the ſaid Sum of *Two Thouſand Pounds Sterling*, or ſuch a Sum as is ſufficient to maintain a Boy or Boys, being always at Liberty to give a Preference to the Children of any Name that he pleaſes.

XVIII.

Charter-Room. IT being neceſſary that the Rights, Writes and Evidents, and other Writes of Importance, be kept ſafe and in good Order; and likewiſe, when there ſhall be, at any Time, through God's Bleſſing, a greater Sum lying in Specie, than what is neceſſary for defraying the Charges of the Hoſpital, it were hard that the Treaſurer ſhould be troubled with ſo great a Charge: Therefore, both with reſpect to the Papers and Money, it is appointed, That a convenient ſecure Room be ſet apart within the Hoſpital, having two Locks on the Door, with two different Keys, one whereof to be kept by the Provoſt of *Aberdeen* for the Time, and the other, by ſuch others of the Governors as ſhall be choſen yearly for that Effect. That the Patrons and Governors of the ſaid Hoſpital make uſe of the Seal of the Family of PITLURG, with a Diſtinction.

Seal.

XIX.

Manner of lending Money. IN reſpect frequent Loſſes fall out in lending Money, It is appointed, that no Money belonging to the Hoſpital be laid out or employed, but by Warrant of an Act of the Patrons and Governors, voted by way of Balloting,

loting, and that either for purchaſing of Lands, or upon real Security of Land, reputed free of Incumbrances, or to the Town of *Aberdeen*, upon the publick Security, or to any two or more reſponſal Perſons bound conjunctly and ſeverally, PROVIDING the Sum lent to theſe two or more Perſons, do not exceed *Five Hundred Pounds Sterling:* And the ſaids Governors are hereby empowered to give a reaſonable yearly Salary to any Factor or Chamberlain, one or more, to be appointed by them for uplifting the Rents of the Lands belonging to the Hoſpital, and keeping the ſame poſſeſt with ſufficient Tenants, whom the Governors may alter and change as they ſhall ſee Cauſe.

To the Town of Aberdeen upon the public Security

Not to exceed 500 *l.*

Factor for uplifting the Rents of the Hoſpital Lands to have a Salary.

XX.

IN caſe, after Trial and Experience, there may be Ground for altering and improving of the foregoing Statutes, the ſame ſhall remain with and devolve upon the Patrons and Governors of the ſaid Hoſpital; providing that ſuch Alterations be concluded and agreed upon by Three Fourths of the whole Members, to meet for that Effect, after the ſame has been under their Deliberation, in two ſeveral Sederunts, the one at the Diſtance of, at leaſt, a Month after the other, and be approven by the ſaid Provoſt of *Aberdeen;* and the ſaids Alterations no ways infringing upon the fundamental Articles of the ſaid Hoſpital, *viz.* That the ſame is for the Relief, Maintenance, and

Power of Governors to alter Rules.

Exception as to fundamental Articles.

and for the Inſtruction in the Principles of our holy Chriſtian Proteſtant Religion, and Education in Letters, Writing, Arithmetick and Book-keeping, of Boys of the Names of GORDON and MENZIES, preferable to others, and that the Hoſpital ſhall always be called ROBERT GORDON's HOSPITAL, by himſelf alone, or in Conjunction with others who ſhall mortify to the ſaid Hoſpital a Sum not below *Two Thouſand Pounds Sterling*, and that the Right of the ſaid Hoſpital, Stock and Revenue thereof, and Adminiſtration of the ſame, ſhall be veſted in, and perpetually remain with the Patrons and Governors before mentioned; and that no Part of the Stock or Profits thereof ſhall be applied otherwiſe than for the Uſe and Benefit of the ſaid Hoſpital; ALL WHICH are hereby declared to be fundamental, perpetual, and unalterable Rules and Statutes of the ſaid Hoſpital, RESERVING ALWAYS to Me the ſaid ROBERT GORDON, full Power and Liberty, at any Time during my Life, by any Writing under my Hand, duly ſigned before Witneſſes, or burden and affect this preſent Mortification and Right, with the Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money I ſhall think expedient, (not exceeding the Extent of my Effects) payable to ſuch Perſons, and for ſuch Ends and Uſes as I ſhall appoint; which the ſaids Patrons and Governors ſhall be bound and obliged by their Acceptation hereof, to ſatisfy and pay as I ſhall determinate and ordain, or to diſpone or aſſign all or any Part of my Effects to ſuch Perſon

Perſon or Perſons as I ſhall think fit, either for onerous Cauſes, or freely and gratuitouſly, or to alter and innovate this preſent Mortification, in haill or in Part; or to cancel, annull and make void and of no effect, this preſent Right and haill Premiſes, at my Pleaſure; under and upon the which Conditions, Proviſions, Limitations and Faculty above expreſt, conceived in my favours, this preſent Mortification and Right is made and granted allenarly, and no otherwiſe.

FINALLY, I the ſaid ROBERT GORDON have ſubſcrived two Doubles or Copies hereof, both of the ſame Date, Tenor, and Contents; one of which Doubles I have inſtantly delivered to WILLIAM CRUICKSHANKS, Lord Provoſt of *Aberdeen*, for himſelf, and in Name of the Baillies and other Magiſtrates and Town-Council of the ſaid Burgh, to be laid up and keeped by them in the Charter-Cheſt of the ſaid Town of *Aberdeen*, there to be ſafely and ſecurely keeped perpetually in all Time coming, except I ſhall think fit and good to call for and ſeek the ſame, perſonally or by a Write and Mandate, all written and ſubſcrived by my own Hand, conform to the Tenor of the foreſaid Clauſe conceived in my favours, contained in this twenty third Page hereof; reſerving full Power to me, to alter, innovate, or wholly to cancel the whole foreſaid Mortification, as I ſhall think fit and convenient during my Life-time; the other Double I have kept in my own Cuſtody dur-

ing my Pleaſure, or during my Life-time, and thereafter to be faithfully delivered to the then Magiſtrates, to be kept and uſed by them in all Time thereafter, for the Behoof and Benefit of all theſe therein expreſt and particularly narrated. And for the more Security, I am content and conſent thir Preſents be infert and regiſtrate in the Books of Council and Seſſion, Sheriff, Commiſſary, or Baillie-Court Books of *Aberdeen*, or any other Regiſter competent, therein to remain for Preſervation, and if need beis, that all Execution needful may paſs hereon in Form as effeirs. And conſtitutes *&c.*

In Witneſs whereof (written by *James Moir*, Writer in *Aberdeen*, upon this and the twenty three preceeding Pages of theſe Six Sheets of ſtamped Paper) I have ſubſcribed theſe Preſents at the End of each of theſe Pages, with the three marginal Notes, upon the ſeventh, eighth, and nineteenth Pages hereof, AT *ABERDEEN*, the thirteenth Day of *December*, *One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty nine* Years, before theſe Witneſſes, the ſaid WILLIAM CRUICKSHANKS, Provoſt of *Aberdeen*; *William Smith*, late Baillie of *Aberdeen*; *John Rickart* of *Achnacant*, Merchant in *Aberdeen*; *Alexander Thomſon*, Advocate in the ſaid Burgh; and *James Moir*, Writer hereof.

(So ſigned)

R. GORDON.

This Mortification is regiſtrated at *Edinburgh*, the twenty fourth Day of *May*, *One thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty one* Years. AP-

APPENDIX

To the foregoing Deed of

Mortification and Diſpoſition.

BE IT KNOWN to all Men by theſe Preſents, me ROBERT GORDON Merchant in *Aberdeen*, only Son in Life of the deceaſt Mr *Arthur Gordon* Advocate, FORASMUCHAS I, by Deed of Mortification and Diſpoſition, of the Date the thirteenth Day of *December*, *One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty nine* Years, did thereby give, grant, mortify and diſpone all and haill the Sum of *Ten Thouſand Pounds Sterling*, or ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as ſhould be recovered of my Effects after my Deceaſe; and for that effect, gave, granted and diſponed, all and ſundry Lands, Heritages, Annualrents, Debts, Sums of Money, and other heritable and moveable Eſtate whatſoever, then pertaining and belonging to me, or that ſhall happen to pertain and belong to me, at the Time of my Deceaſe, to, and in favours of the Provoſt, Baillies and remanent Members of the Town-Council of *Aberdeen*, and four Miniſters in the Old and New Churches of *Aberdeen*, and their Succeſſors in Preamble.

Office, in Truſt, for erecting an Hoſpital, to be called in all ſucceeding Generations, ROBERT GORDON's HOSPITAL, and for the Maintenance and Education of Male Children or Grand-Children of Brethren of Guild of the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*, and for the other pious Ends and Uſes therein mentioned, conform to the ſeveral Rules and Statutes, and with and under the Faculty and Reſervation conceived in my Favours, to alter, innovate, burden, or cancel the ſame, as I ſhould think fit; and in which Deed, the fore-named Perſons are named Patrons and Governors of the ſaid Mortification, as in the ſaid Deed of Mortification at more length is contained; of which Deed of Mortification I ſigned two Copies, both of the ſame Date, Tenor and Contents, and delivered one of the ſaid Copies to *William Cruickſhanks*, preſent Provoſt of *Aberdeen*, for himſelf, and in Name of the reſt of the Town-Council, to be laid up by them in the Town's Charter-Cheſt, there to remain for the behoof of all concerned, unleſs I require back the ſame, either perſonally, or by a Paper, all written and ſubſcrived with my own Hand, and the other is in my own Cuſtody. AND SEEING it is my earneſt Deſire, that my whole heritable and moveable Eſtate, preſently belonging, or that ſhall happen to belong to me the Time of my Deceaſe, ſhould be veſted and eſtabliſhed in the fore-named Perſons, as Truſtees, for the pious Ends and Uſes mentioned in the ſaid Deed of Morti-

Mortification, in the moſt certain and legal and formal Manner, that can be deviſed; and that all Diſputes and Dubieties that may ariſe anent the ſaid Deed of Mortification, or any of the Clauſes thereof, ſhould be prevented. THEREFORE wit ye me, without any Hurt or Prejudice to the foreſaid Deed of Mortification in any ſort, but in further Fortification and Corroboration thereof, to have given, granted, mortified and diſponed; likeas, I hereby give, grant, mortify and diſpone, all and ſundry Lands, Heritages, Tenements, Annualrents, Debts and Sums of Money heritable or moveable, Gold, Silver coined or uncoined, and all other heritable or moveable Eſtate, of whatſoever Value or Denomination, preſently pertaining and belonging to me, or that ſhall happen to pertain and belong to me, the Time of my Deceaſe, after Payment of all my juſt and lawful Debts, to, and in favours of the ſaids Provoſt, Baillies, and remanent Members of the Town-Council of *Aberdeen*, and the ſaid four Miniſters of the Goſpel in the Old and New Churches of *Aberdeen*, and to their Succeſſors in Office, in Truſt, for the Pious Ends and Uſes, and to be diſpoſed of, conform to the ſeveral Rules, Statutes and Orders, and with the Reſervation and Faculty above-mentioned, and at Length contained in the ſaid Deed of Mortification, all which is therein holden as repeated and expreſly ratified, approven and confirmed, excepting in ſo far as the ſame is otherwiſe altered or explained, in

General Diſpoſition.

Manner

Manner after-mentioned, *viz.* THAT WHEREAS, in the ſaid Deed of Mortification, I have mortified and diſponed *Ten Thouſand Pounds Sterling*, or ſuch Sum or Sums as ſhall be recovered out of my Effects after my Deceaſe; FOR PREVENTING any Dubiety thereanent, I hereby declare, That I hereby intended to diſpone and mortify all my Effects, heritable and moveable, although they ſhould happen to exceed the ſaid Sum of *Ten Thouſand Pounds Sterling*, and do accordingly hereby diſpone the ſame, for the pious Ends and Uſes therein ſet forth. AND ALBEIT, my haill heritable and moveable Effects ſhall not be found at the Time of my Death to extend to the ſaid Sum of *Ten Thouſand Pounds Sterling*, yet I hereby expreſly will, appoint and ordain my haill Eſtate to continue and lie upon Intereſt, without encroaching upon Stock or Annualrent, untill the ſame accreaſe to the ſaid Sum of *Ten Thouſand Pounds Sterling*: AND ALSO, WHEREAS, by the firſt Statute of the ſaid Deed of Mortification, it is declared, That my ſaid Hoſpital was to be founded for entertaining and educating indigent Male Children and Grand Children of decayed Merchants and Brethren of Guild of the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*, of the Name of GORDON, in the firſt Place, and of the Name of *Menzies*, in the ſecond Place (the neareſt Relations of the Mortifier of the Names of GORDON and *Menzies* being always preferred to any others (for preventing any Dubiety

If Mortifier's Stock, at his Death, do not amount to 10,000 *l. ſterl.* then, to lie at Intereſt, 'till it accreaſe to that Sum.

Explanation of the Order of Preference in Election of Boys.

biety that may ariſe anent the Order of Preference, I hereby will and declare, that my indigent Relations of the Name of GORDON, claiming to be admitted into the ſaid Hoſpital, ſhall be preferred in the firſt Place; my indigent Relations of the Name of *Menzies* in the ſecond Place; any other indigent Boys of the Name of GORDON, in the third Place; and any other indigent Boys of the Name of *Menzies*, in the fourth Place, they being all Burgeſſes of Guilds Children or Grand-Children, and of the Age and Qualities mentioned in the ſaid Deed of Mortification. * AND WHEREAS, in the ſaid firſt Statute, it is alſo declared, that the Houſe and other Accommodation for the ſaid Hoſpital, ſhall be erected, built, and furniſhed out of the Annual-rents and Profits of the ſaid Sum of *Ten Thouſand Pounds Sterling*, or ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as are thereby mortified by me, and ſhould be recovered and made effectual of my Effects, after my Deceaſe, upon any fit Place within the Burgh of *Aberdeen*; but the principal and capital Stock is ſtill to remain entire, and no Children to be received into the ſaid Hoſpital, 'till ſuch Time as the Annual-rents of the ſaid capital Stock have defrayed the whole Charge of the Building: AS TO WHICH, I hereby will and declare, That in caſe my Effects ſhall not amount, at the Time of my Deceaſe, in real and true Value, to the ſaid

* See Inſtructions to Parents.

Building of Houſe.

ſaid Sum of *Ten Thouſand Pounds Sterling*; That the ſaid Houſe, and other Accommodation for the Hoſpital, ſhall not be builded, 'till my ſaid Effects and Profits, and Intereſts thereof, amount to the ſaid Capital Stock of *Ten Thouſand Pounds Sterling*, and until there ariſe as much Money from the Profits and Intereſts of the ſaid Capital Stock of *Ten Thouſand Pounds* as will defray the Charge of the Building. AND WHEREAS, by the foreſaid Deed of Mortification, there is Proviſion made, for beſtowing *Thirty Thouſand Merks Scots* of Expence, for building and erecting the ſaid Hoſpital; yet notwithſtanding thereof, I hereby give Liberty to the Patrons and Governors foreſaid, to expend and give out *Five Thouſand Merks*, or *Six Thouſand Merks*, of more Charges on the ſaid Fabrick, if needful, to make the ſame a decent Building and Fabrick, making in haill *Two Thouſand Pounds Sterling* to be expended on that Account: But all Events, the Stock is ſtill to be allowed to accreaſe to the foreſaid haill Sum of *Ten Thouſand Pounds Sterling* in Manner above provided. AND ALSO, WHEREAS, by the fifth and ſixth Statutes, it is alſo declared, that the ſaid Patrons and Governors are to chooſe a Treaſurer, to attend the Hoſpital, yearly or for two Years or longer, as they ſhall think fit; NOTWITHSTANDING hereof, I hereby will and declare, that it ſhall be lawful to the ſaids Patrons and Governors, or a Quorum of them, mentioned in the ſaid Deed, at any Time

2 000 *l. ſterl.* allowed for building.

Power to the Governors, to diſmiſs or depoſe the Treaſurer.

Time to diſmiſs or depoſe the ſaid Treaſurer from his Office, for any Cauſe or Occaſion that to them ſhall ſeem proper. AND ALSO, WHEREAS, by the fifteenth Statute, it is appointed, That none are to be choſen into the ſaid Hoſpital, until there be proper Certificates of their indigent Circumſtances, from the Miniſter and Kirk-Seſſion of the Bounds where they reſide, laid before the Governors, NOTWITHSTANDING whereof, I hereby declare, That the Governors and Patrons ſhall have full Power to preſent and admit the Boys, and other Perſons concerned, to the ſaid Hoſpital, without any ſuch previous Certificates, they being always duly qualified, conform to the Rules and Statutes of the Mortification. AND WHEREAS, it is alſo provided by the ſaid fifteenth Statute, That if any of the ſaids Boys ſhall afterwards happen to acquire or ſucceed to *Two Thouſand Merks* of free Stock, they ſhall be obliged to pay back to the ſaid Hoſpital the one Half of what was laid out for their Aliment in the Hoſpital, and Apprentice-fee and Stock advanced to them; and if they ſhould ſucceed to, or acquire *Four Thouſand Merks*, they ſhould be obliged in that Caſe, to pay back the Whole: But no Proviſion is thereby made how the ſame is to be applied; THEREFORE, I hereby declare, and will, and ordain, That ſuch Sums to be recovered, ſhall be added to the capital Stock of the ſaid Mortification. AND IN CASE any of the ſaids indigent Boys ſhall happen hereafter

Boys may be admitted without Certificates from Kirk-Seſſions.

Recommendation to admit Boys Freemen.

ter to ſerve as Apprentices in the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*, to Merchants or Tradeſmen, and ſhall incline, after their Apprenticeſhips are ended, to apply to the Burghers or free Tradeſmen of the ſaid Town; THEN, I earneſtly recommend to the Magiſtrates, Town-Council, Conveener and Deacons of Crafts of the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*, to admit and receive them as Burgeſſes and Freemen, *gratis*, without any Compoſition; but only for their own Lifetimes, and their Children and Poſterity are not to have any Benefit thereby, unleſs they pay the ordinary Compoſition and Due; with this Condition and Proviſion always, That if the Perſons ſo admitted *gratis*, ſhall thereafter acquire or ſucceed to a Stock of *Four Thouſand Merks Scots* Money, they ſhall be bound and obliged to pay the full Compoſition and Dues to the Town and Trades reſpective, that they ought to have paid if they had not been benefited by the ſaid Hoſpital, and this preſent Recommendation. AND WHEREAS, ſome of the indigent Boys above-mentioned, who are Sons of Burghers of Guild, may incline to be Tradeſmen, or that a Tradeſman's Son may incline to be a Merchant; then, and in either of theſe Caſes, I ſeriouſly recommend to the Magiſtrates, Town-Council, Conveener and Deacons of Crafts of the ſaid Burgh of *Aberdeen*, to enter and receive the ſaids Boys, after their expiring of their Apprenticeſhips, in the following Manner, *viz.* The Sons of Burghers of Guild, to be Free-

Freemen of the Craft they have learned, in the ſame Terms as if they were Sons of free Tradeſmen of this Burgh, and the Sons of free Craftſmen to be Burghers of Guild alike as if they were Sons of Burghers of Guild. AND IN CASE any of the indigent Boys above expreſt, who may be Sons of honeſt Inhabitants of this Burgh, that are neither Burgeſſes of Guild, nor free Tradeſmen of this Burgh, ſhall ſerve as Apprentices either to Merchants or Craftſmen, and thereafter ſhall incline to be admitted Burgeſſes of Guild, or Freemen of the Craft they have learned; then, and in that Caſe, I ſeriouſly recommend to the Magiſtrates, Town-Council, Conveener, and Deacons of Craft reſpective, to admit and receive the ſaids Boys to be Burgeſſes of Guild, or Burgher Tradeſmen, alike and in the ſame Terms as if they were Sons of Burghers of Guild, or of Free Tradeſmen, and this but prejudice of the Clauſe above expreſt, recommending the ſaids Boys to be admitted *gratis*, in Manner above ſet down. MOREOVER, I hereby declare my full Meaning and Intention to be, that my Mortification, above-mentioned, ſhall have *Six Thouſand Pounds Scots* Money of Yearly Revenue and Income, ſo that when the Stock is laid out upon purchaſing Land, perhaps the ſame may be above Twenty Years Purchaſe, whereby the *Ten Thouſand Pounds Sterling* of Stock above ſpecified, will not yield *Six Thouſand Pounds Scots* of yearly Income: therefore, I hereby expreſly appoint and ordain,

Revenue to accreaſe to 6000 *l. Scot* a year before any Boys be admitted.

dain, That my Mortification above-mentioned ſhall be allowed to accreaſe until the Hoſpital be built, and the yearly Revenue thereof extend to the ſaid Sum of *Six Thouſand Pounds Scots*, in Manner above ſpecified, after making a Computation of the Rent of the purchaſed Lands, and clearing all Charges; and this I declare to be my true Meaning and Deſign, notwithſtanding of any Thing contained herein, or in the original Mortification above expreſt: RESERVING always to me, the ſaid ROBERT GORDON, full Power and Liberty, at any Time during my Life, by my Holograph Writing under my Hand, duly ſigned before famous Witneſſes, to burden and affect the foreſaid Deed of Mortification, and this preſent Right, with the Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money I ſhall think expedient, or to diſpone or aſſign all or any Part of my Effects as I ſhall think fit, either for onerous Cauſes, or freely and gratuitouſly, or to alter or innovate the ſaid Deed of Mortification, or theſe Preſents, or to make ſuch additional Rules or Statutes as I ſhall think fit, or to cancel and make void and null the ſaid Deed of Mortification or theſe Preſents, providing I write and ſubſcrive a Paper with my own Hand, declaring my Intention and Deſign of altering, innovating, cancelling or annulling the ſaid Deed, and which holograph Paper is to be ſigned by me, before famous Witneſſes: DECLARING always, likeas I hereby expreſly will and declare, That, albeit the

the ſubſcrived Double of the ſaid Deed of Mortification, which I have kept by myſelf, ſhall be found vitiate or cancelled, at the Time of my Deceaſe, or albeit the ſame ſhall be amiſſing, or out of the way at my Death; yet nevertheleſs, the other ſubſcrived Double of the ſaid Deed of Mortification, which I delivered to the ſaid *William Cruickſhank*, Provoſt of *Aberdeen*, to be laid up in the Town's Charter-cheſt, ſhall ſtand in full Force, and have its due Strength and Effect, and ſhall ſubſiſt according to the Tenor hereof, in all Points (excepting in ſo far as the ſamen is hereby altered or explained as aforeſaid) unleſs I write a Paper with my own Hand, and ſubſcrive the ſame before famous Witneſſes, declaring my Intention and Deſign of altering, innovating or cancelling the ſaid Deed. AND WHEREAS, by the ſaid Deed of Mortification, I have given, granted and diſponed for the Uſes, Ends and Purpoſes therein mentioned, my haill Medals, and antient Coin, Gold and Silver uncoined; yet my true Meaning and Intention is, and I will and appoint, That my whole Medals or antient Coin, of whatſoever Value or Quality, be kept altogether, and preſerved in a Box, made for that end, *ad futuram rei memoriam*, within my ſaid Hoſpital, and that Inventaries be made thereof, after my Death, which Inventaries are to be recorded in the Hoſpital Regiſter. AS ALSO, I appoint, That all my Pictures and Prints that ſhall be found in my Cuſtody, the

Founder's Medals and antient Coins to be preſerved in the Hoſpital.

His Pictures and Prints to be keeped in the Hoſpital.

the Time of my Deceaſe, be inventaried and kept carefully in the ſaid Hoſpital *ad futuram rei memoriam*, and that none of them be ſold, and that the Inventary thereof be recorded in the Hoſpital Regiſter. FINALLY, I hereby declare, That I have ſubſcrived two Doubles of this preſent Appendix and Explication, both of the ſame Date, Tenor, and Contents; one of which Doubles I have preſently delivered to the ſaid *William Cruickſhank*, Provoſt of *Aberdeen*, to be laid up in the Town's Charter-Cheſt, beſide the original Deed of Mortification above expreſt; and the other Double hereof I have kept by myſelf, for my own private Uſe. AND ALBEIT, the ſaid Double hereof, which I have kept by myſelf, ſhall be found vitiated or cancelled at the Time of my Deceaſe, or albeit the ſame ſhall be amiſſing, or out of the Way at my Death, yet nevertheleſs, the other ſubſcrived Double of theſe Preſents, which I have delivered to the ſaid Provoſt, to be laid up in the Town's Charter-cheſt, ſhall ſtand in full Force, and have it's due Strength and Effect, and ſhall ſubſiſt according to the Tenor hereof, in all Points, unleſs I write a Paper with my own Hand, and ſubſcrive the ſame before famous Witneſſes, declaring my Intention and Deſign of altering, innovating or cancelling theſe Preſents, and the principal Deed of Mortification above mentioned. AND for the more Security, I am content, and conſent, That theſe Preſents be inſert and regiſtrate in the Books

Books of Council and Seſſion, Sheriff, Commiſſary or Baillie Court Books of *Aberdeen*, therein to remain for Preſervation, and if Need beis, that all Execution neceſſary may paſs hereon, in Form as effeirs, and conſtitutes

My Procurators, *&c.* In witneſs whereof (written by *James Moir*, Writer in *Aberdeen*, upon this and the ſeven preceding Pages of theſe Two Sheets of ſtamped Paper) I have ſubſcribed theſe Preſents, at *Aberdeen* the nineteenth Day of *September*, *One thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty* Years, before theſe Witneſſes, the ſaid *William Cruickſhank*, Provoſt of *Aberdeen*, *William Smith* and *William Chalmers*, both late Baillies of *Aberdeen*, *James Thomſon* of *Portlethen*, Advocate in *Aberdeen*, *Alexander Thomſon*, Advocate in *Aberdeen*, and the ſaid *James Moir*, Writer hereof.

(So ſigned)

R. GORDON.

Will. Cruickſhank Witneſs. *Will. Smith* Witneſs. *Will. Chalmers* ſenr. Witneſs. *James Thomſon* Witneſs. *Al. Thomſon* Witneſs. *James Moir* Witneſs.

EXCERPTS

From the Records of

ROBERT GORDON's HOSPITAL,

IN ABERDEEN,

OF

ALTERATIONS

Of Statutes contained in the original Deed of Mortification, and of

STANDING BY-LAWS

AND

REGULATIONS.

THE GOVERNORS reſolved, that Women Servants be taken into and employed in the Hoſpital. August 19, 1751.

ENACTED, that in Time coming the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds Scots* Money ſhall be given as Apprentice Fee for each Boy, whether Merchant or Mechanic; and that the Sum of *Five Pounds* ſterling and no more, ſhall be given to each Boy, whether Merchant or Mechanic, the firſt Term after the Expiration April 3, 1755.

of his Apprenticeſhip, if he has behaved well to deſerve it.

Nov. 20, 1758. ORDERED, That in all time coming, when any new Motion ſhall be made, the Conſideration thereof ſhall be delayed till the next Meeting thereafter, in Caſe a Delay ſhall be demanded by any Two of the Governors; unleſs the Subject of the Motion is of a Nature requiring immediate Diſpatch, and that the Purpoſe of it might be fruſtrated by Delay till next General Meeting.

April 12, 1784.

April 12, 1781. STATUTE AND ENACTED, that the Day appointed by the Deed of Mortification for electing a Treaſurer of the Hoſpital be altered, as inconvenient; and that for the future the Treaſurer be elected at the Quarterly General Meeting on the Third *Monday* of *November* yearly, and that by the new Governors.

October 31, 1781. RESOLVED, That in time coming, in caſe a full Quorum of the Governors ſhall not convene upon the Third Day of *April* and Third Day of *October* in each Year, being the Days fixed by the Deed of Mortification for the Election of Boys, then ſuch Election ſhall be deferred till *Thurſday* in the Week following; and ſhall then be proceeded to by the Governors who ſhall then attend, whatever their Number may be; Notice being always given to the Governors of ſuch Delay; provided always, the Third Day of *April* and Third Day

Day of *October* be lawful Days; but otherwas, the Meeting is to be held the next lawful Day thereafter, in Terms of the Deed of Mortification: and in caſe a Quorum do not attend that Day, then the Election is to be proceeded to on *Thurſday* in the following Week, agreeable to the above Reſolution.

Nov. 18, 1782. UNANIMOUSLY STATUTE AND ENACTED, That as it often proves difficult to get a Majority of the Governors convened for Diſpatch of Buſineſs, for the future any of the Governors, to the Number of Eight or upwards, convening in the Hoſpital on the Days ſtated by the Deed of Mortification and Reſolutions of the Governors for General Meetings, and at the Hour to which the Meetings have been called by the Preſident, ſhall be a Quorum ſufficient for Diſpatch of all *ordinary* Buſineſs coming before the Meeting.

INSTRUCTIONS

For the PARENTS AND FRIENDS of Boys claiming to be admitted into *Robert Gordon's* Hoſpital in *Aberdeen;* and DIRECTIONS for the Conduct of Parents and Relations of the Boys, both before and after they are admitted.

I. BOYS are entitled to be elected and received into this Hoſpital in the following Order.

(1) Sons or Grandſons of decayed Burgeſſes of Guild of Aberdeen, who are Relations of the Mortifier, of the Surname of *Gordon.*

(2) Sons or Grandſons of decayed Burgeſſes of Guild of Aberdeen, who are Relations of the Mortifier, of the Sirname of *Menzies.*

(3) Sons or Grandſons of any other decayed Burgeſſes of Guild of Aberdeen, of the Surname of *Gordon.*

(4) Sons or Grandſons of any other decayed Burgeſſes of Guild of Aberdeen, of the Surname of *Menzies.*

(5) Sons or Grandſons of decayed Burgeſſes of Guild of Aberdeen, who are Relations of the Mortifier, of any other Surname.

(6) Sons or Grandſons of any other decayed Burgeſſes of Guild of Aberdeen, of whatever Surname.

(7) Sons or Grandſons of decayed Tradeſmen Burgeſſes of Aberdeen, being of the Seven Incorporated Trades, among which are included the Butchers; Perſons of the Surname of *Gordon* and *Menzies*, and the Relations of the Mortifier in this Rank, having Preference to others, in the ſame Order as obſerved in that of Burgeſſes of Guild.

(8) Sons and Grandſons of Litſters and Barbers in Aberdeen, Boys of the Surnames of *Gordon* and *Menzies*, and Relations of the Mortifier having Preference in this Rank as above.

(9) The Sons or Grandſons of Reſidenters in Aberdeen in general, with Preference as above.

It being expreſly declared, that the Relations of the Mortifier, whether of the Surname of *Gordon* or *Menzies*, or of any other Surname, are not entitled to be elected into the Hoſpital, unleſs they be Sons or Grandſons of Burgeſſes of Guild of Aberdeen, or Tradeſmen Burgeſſes of it; and ought not to be elected

elected while there are Petitions from Sons or Grandſons of Burgeſſes of Guild, or Tradeſmen Burgeſſes of Aberdeen.

II. The Boys claiming to be elected, muſt not be under Nine Years of Age, nor above Twelve.

III. There muſt be preſented a Petition, for each Boy claiming to be elected, ſetting forth his Title, Age, and State of Health, for which Petition, Sixpence is to be paid to the Clerk, and every Candidate who is ſucceſsful, is to pay Two Shillings more to the Clerk.

IV. Along with the Petition there muſt be produced,

(1) Evidence of the Title on which Admiſſion is claimed, either by the Burgeſs Ticket of the Father or Grandfather, or a Certificate under the Hand of the Town-Clerk, of the Father or Grandfather having been a Burgeſs of Guild of Aberdeen, or a Tradeſman Burgeſs of it; and ſufficient Evidence of Relation to the Mortifier, where that is founded on, ſpecifying the Degree.

(2) A Certificate of the Boy's Age, from the Regiſter of Baptiſms of the Pariſh, or other ſatisfactory Evidence of the Boy's Age.

(3) A Certificate under the Hand of the Phyſician of the Hoſpital, of the Boy being of

of a ſound Conſtitution, and free of any evident Diſeaſe; which Certificate muſt bear Date within One Month of the Day of Election.

(4) Proper Certificates, or other Evidence, of the Parents being in decayed and indigent Circumſtances, and unable to maintain or educate their Children, or if the Parents are dead, that the Children themſelves are in Want, and proper Objects of the Charity.

V. The Days of Election are the Third of April, and the Third of October, or the Firſt lawful Day thereafter, in caſe it be Sunday.

VI. The Boys elected in April, are received into the Hoſpital the laſt Monday of June; and thoſe elected in October, the laſt Monday of December yearly, when they are again to be inſpected by the Phyſician, and will not be admitted unleſs again atteſted by him.

VII. At the Admiſſion of Boys into the Hoſpital, their Parents or neareſt in Kin, ſhall ſign an Enactment in the Books of the Hoſpital, by which they ſhall ſubmit the Management and Diſpoſal of them entirely to the Governors, and ſhall become Cautioners for their Honeſty and good Behaviour while in the Houſe, and that after they are allowed to go out of the Houſe, they ſhall become Cautioners for the Boys honeſtly and faithfully

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ſerving ſuch Apprenticeſhips, as the Governors ſhall bind them to.

AFTER ADMISSION.

VIII. The Parents and Friends of the Boys who are admitted, muſt not frequent the Hoſpital as Inſpectors of them, nor meddle officiouſly in any Thing that concerns them, while they continue there, nor bring them Victuals or any thing elſe: and when Parents or Friends do come to the Hoſpital to ſee any of the Boys, they muſt call for the Maſter, or in his Abſence the Hebdomader, and talk with him and obtain his Leave, before they can have Acceſs to the Boys.

IX. No Parent or Friend ſhall take any of the Boys out of the Hoſpital, at any Time or on any Pretence, without Leave of the Maſter.

X. When the Boys are allowed to viſit their Parents or Friends, the Maſter will give them Tickets of Leave of Abſence; and without ſuch Tickets their Friends muſt not receive them, nor when they have Tickets, muſt they detain them beyond the Time appointed for their Return to the Hoſpital, nor harbour them on any Pretence.

XI. No Money muſt be given to any of the Boys, without acquainting the Maſter.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

OF

ROBERT GORDON's HOSPITAL

IN ABERDEEN,

To be obſerved within the Houſe.

On WEEK DAYS.

I. FRom the Firſt of *March* to the Firſt of *October*, the Boys ſhall riſe at Six o'clock in the Morning; and ſhall, before leaving their Chambers, remember their Creator by ſome ſhort Prayers adapted to their ſeveral Ages and Capacities, which ſhall be taught them. Summer.

II. As ſoon as their private Prayers are ſaid, they ſhall repair by convenient Diviſions to ſome proper Place, and there comb their Heads and waſh Hands and Face, in which they ſhall be carefully ſuperintended by one or other of the Servants, that ſo they do not neglect theſe neceſſary Works altogether, or perform them in a ſuperficial Manner.

III. The Boys ſhall attend preciſely at half an Hour after Seven in the School-room for Family Worſhip, which ſhall conſiſt of Prayer ſaid by the Maſter, ſinging of Pſalms, and reading a Chapter of the Bible by the Maſter, Schoolmaſters, or ſome of the elder Boys who ſhall be thought qualified and found worthy of that Diſtinction; at which, alſo the Maſter, Schoolmaſters, Houſekeeper and Servants ſhall punctually attend.

IV. Immediately after Family Worſhip is over, the Boys ſhall begin their ordinary Leſſons in School, and continue thereat till Nine.

V. Preciſely at Nine they ſhall go to Breakfaſt under the Inſpection of the Maſters, and after Breakfaſt they may play till Ten.

VI. Preciſely at Ten o'clock they ſhall return to School along with the Schoolmaſters, and continue there getting their Leſſons till Twelve Noon.

VII. From Twelve Noon to One o'clock Afternoon, the Boys ſhall attend the Muſic Maſter and Drawing Maſter on the Days they are appointed to teach, *viz.* the Muſic Maſter on *Mondays*, *Tueſdays* and *Wedneſdays*, and the Drawing Maſter on *Thurſdays*, *Fridays* and *Saturdays*.

VIII.

VIII. The Boys ſhall dine at half an Hour paſt One o'clock Afternoon along with the Maſters, and meet in the School preciſely at Two, and continue therein getting their Leſſons till Four.

IX. They ſhall get their Afternoon Refreſhment at Five o'clock.

X. At Six they ſhall meet again in the School, and continue there till Seven at their Leſſons.

XI. Preciſely at Eight they ſhall meet with the whole Family at public Worſhip, to be performed as in the Morning.

XII. Preciſely at Nine they ſhall ſup under the Inſpection of the Maſters, and by Ten ſhall be in Bed.

XIII. From the Firſt of *October* to the Firſt of *December*, and from the Firſt of *February* to the Firſt of *March* the Boys ſhall riſe at half an Hour after Seven in the Morning. And thro' the Months of *December* and *January* at Eight, and through the whole Winter, that is, from the Firſt of *October* to the Firſt of *March*, ſhall attend Family Worſhip at half an Hour after Eight, and breakfaſt, dine, ſup and go to Bed at the ſame Hours as in Summer. Winter.

XIV. They ſhall attend School from Ten in the Morning till Twelve Noon ; from that to One Afternoon they ſhall attend the Muſic and Drawing Maſters on the Days they teach, and ſhall again attend School from Two to half paſt Four Afternoon, and from Six to Seven in the Evening, and attend Family Worſhip at Eight.

PLAY.

XV. THE Boys ſhall have the Play every Saturday thro' the whole Year, from Dinner-time, for viſiting their Friends, till an Hour to be appointed by the Maſter, not later than Seven in Winter, nor Eight in Summer. And the Maſter ſhall have it in his Power to indulge them now and then with the Play another Afternoon in the Week, when he finds they are behaving well, but not oftener than once a Week.

XVI. None of the Boys ſhall at any other Time be out of the Houſe, Play-grounds or Gardens, without the ſpecial Leave of ſome of the Maſters, and having a Ticket of Leave with them, which Ticket they muſt deliver back to the Maſter immediately upon their return. But on no Pretence whatever, ſhall any of them be ſent out of the Houſe during the Hours of teaching or Family Worſhip.

SUNDAY.

XVII. IN the Morning all within the Houſe ſhall continue in their ſeveral Apartments, employed in ſuch Exerciſes of Devotion as are ſuited to their ſeveral Ages and Capacities, until Seven in Summer, and Eight in Winter, after which the Boys may walk in the Garden or Court till half an Hour after Eight, when the whole Family ſhall convene for Family Worſhip.

XVIII. At Nine, the whole Family ſhall breakfaſt; and afterwards the Boys ſhall dreſs, and be ready to go to Church at Ten.

XIX. They ſhall follow the Maſter to Church in good Order. And after Church Service, they ſhall all return to the Houſe in the ſame Order.

XX. After returning from Church, if the Weather be wet or very cold, the Boys ſhall remain quietly in the Dining-room till Dinner time; but when the Weather is fair, they may take the Air in the Garden or Court.

XXI. At One the Family ſhall dine, and as ſoon as Dinner is over, there ſhall be Family Worſhip.

XXII. In the Afternoon the Family ſhall go to Church, and return to the Houſe immediately

ately after Sermon, in the ſame Order as in the Forenoon, and none of the Boys ſhall abſent themſelves from Church on any Pretence, without Leave.

XXIII. After returning from Afternoon Sermon, the Boys may take the air in the Court or Garden till Five o'clock.

XXIV. At Five they ſhall get their Afternoon's Refreſhment. And at half an Hour after Five, they and the Servants ſhall convene in the School for catechiſing, &c. And as ſoon as that is over, the whole Family ſhall attend Family Worſhip.

XXV. After Family Worſhip the Boys may have Liberty to take the air again in the Court or Garden, when the Seaſon will permit, until Eight at Night, when the whole Family ſhall ſup, and after Supper the Boys may walk either in the Dining-room, or in the outer Court or Garden, according as the Seaſon permits, until Ten, by which Hour they are to be in Bed.

XXVI. None of the Boys or Servants ſhall go abroad among their Friends or Acquaintances upon any Pretence, nor ſhall Company be allowed to frequent the Garden or viſit the Houſe, but the Gates ſhall be kept ſhut, except at the Time of going to Church and returning from it.

HEALTH.

XXVII. IN order that the Boys may be kept clean, they ſhall ſhift twice a Week, and if any of them find themſelves indiſpoſed, or if any Symptoms of the Itch or other Diſorders appear among them, they are to inform the Maſter, that proper Means may be ſeaſonably uſed for their Relief; and to this alſo the Maſters and Servants ſhall attend.

XXVIII. Such of the Boys as need it, will be ſent to the Sick-room, and will be viſited by the Phyſician, and attended by ſome of the Servants, or by proper ſick Nurſes.

DISCIPLINE.

XXIX. NONE of the Boys muſt go into the Kitchen, without Permiſſion of the Maſter.

XXX. When allowed to walk in the Garden, they muſt keep on the Gravel or Green Walks, and muſt not treſpaſs on the Borders or tilled Ground, nor touch or hurt any of the Trees, Buſhes, Flowers, or Plants.

XXXI. They muſt, at all times, behave themſelves with Decency and good Manners, be obedient to their Maſters, and diſcreet to the Servants; and muſt avoid all Drunkenneſs and Debauchery, Swearing, Lying, Stealing, Quarreling, Fighting, Spoiling of their Cloaths and

and Chambers, and all Turbulence whatever.

XXXII. For ſmaller Faults they ſhall be chaſtiſed publicly by the Schoolmaſters, under the Direction of the Maſter; for groſſer or repeated Faults they will be expelled the Hoſpital, or otherwiſe puniſhed, at the Diſcretion of the Governors.

EDUCATION.

XXXIII. ALL the Boys received into the Hoſpital ſhall be taught reading Engliſh, Writing, Arithmetic, and Church Muſic; and ſuch of them as diſcover a Genius for it, ſhall be taught all or either of the following Branches, *viz.* Engliſh Grammar, Book-keeping, French, the Elements of Geometry, Trigonometry, Navigation, Geography, and Drawing.

XXXIV. Theſe Branches ſhall be taught nearly in the Order they are here ſet down: but even after the Boys are begun to be taught the higher Branches, they ſhall have daily Exerciſes in Reading, and frequent Exerciſes in Writing and Arithmetic preſcribed them.

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BILL OF FARE

For ROBERT GORDON'S HOSPITAL.

DINNER.

	For the BOYS.	*For the MASTERS.*
Monday.	Barley Broth, and a little Beef.	Barley Broth and Beef
Tuesday.	Milk and Barley boiled.	Fish, either fresh or dried; and when that cannot be got, Beef and Potatoes
Wednesday.	Boiled Beef, and Turnip or Greens.	Boiled Beef, and Turnip, or Greens
Thursday.	Brose and Kail, boiled with Beef (but the Boys to get none of the Beef)	Brose, Kail, and boiled Beef
Friday.	Milk and Barley, boiled	Roast Mutton, or Scots Collops, with Potatoes
Saturday.	Barley Broth made with Beef, and Sheep-heads when they can be got (but the Boys to get only the Broth)	Barley Broth and Beef
Sunday.	Potatoes boiled with Mutton or Beef (but the Boys to get none of the Meat)—Skinks, when Potatoes cannot be got	Potatoes, boiled with Mutton or Beef——Skinks when Potatoes cannot be got

BREAKFAST.

Oatmeal Pottage, with either Butter-milk or Sweet Milk every Day	Tea, with Wheat Bread

AFTERNOON.

For the BOYS.	*For the MASTERS.*
Bread and Milk one Day, and Bread and Butter the next, by turns	Tea on Sundays——but not on other Days, as they get Money for buying Tea.

SUPPER.

Barley-meal Pottage, with ſweet Milk.	Potatoes, Sowens, Eggs, or Fiſh, varied as they pleaſe, and a Bit of Cheeſe.
On Sundays, Milk and Barley boiled	On Sundays, the Sheep-heads which were boiled in the Saturday's Broth.

The ordinary Drink, both for Maſters and Boys, and for Servants, is to be Small Beer: and the ordinary Bread is to be of Oatmeal.

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DIRECTIONS

TO

BOYS about to LEAVE
ROBERT GORDON'S HOSPITAL
In Aberdeen.

I. ALL the Boys educated in this Hoſpital ſhall, if proper Maſters can be found for them in the Town of *Aberdeen*, be bound out Apprentices to ſome Trade immediately after leaving the Hoſpital; and if any Boy, after having been educated in the Hoſpital, and being allowed to go out of the ſame, ſhall neglect for Six Months after he leaves it, to obtain himſelf bound Apprentice to ſome Trade with Conſent of the Governors, or ſhall refuſe or delay to enter into Indenture with ſuch Maſter as the Governors or Maſter or Treaſurer of the Hoſpital may have provided for him, he ſhall forfeit all Title to Apprentice-fee, or other Benefit from the Hoſpital.

II. No Boy educated in the Hoſpital ſhall leave it before the Time appointed by the Governors for his Diſmiſſion; otherwiſe he ſhall forfeit his Title to any future Benefit

from it. But if the Maſter to whom he is to be indented ſhall deſire to have him out ſome Days ſooner, the Auditors may grant Warrant for diſmiſſing him ſooner.

III. None of the Boys educated in the Hoſpital ſhall come under Engagements with, nor enter to the Service of any Maſter, without the Conſent of the Treaſurer, but the Treaſurer and Maſter of the Hoſpital will endeavour to find proper Maſters for them.

IV. No Boy educated in the Hoſpital ſhall come under Engagements with, or enter to the Service of any Maſter living without the Town of *Aberdeen*, without the ſpecial Conſent of the Governors firſt had and obtained in Writing; otherwiſe he ſhall forfeit all Benefit from the Hoſpital.

V. With every Boy who has behaved himſelf well while in the Hoſpital, and is bound out Apprentice with Conſent of the Governors or Treaſurer, £ 8 - 6 - 8d ſterling of Apprentice-fee will be paid at the firſt Term of *Whitſunday* or *Martinmas*, Year and Day after the Date of the Indenture.

VI. To every Boy who has been educated in the Hoſpital, and has afterwards been bound out an Apprentice with Conſent of the Governors or Treaſurer, and ſhall after Expiry of his Indenture, produce the ſame duly diſ-

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charged by his Maſter, with ſufficient Evidence of his having behaved well during his Apprenticeſhip, there will be paid Five Pounds ſterling, to aſſiſt him in beginning Buſineſs for himſelf.

VII. To any Boy who has been educated in the Hoſpital, and ſhall prefer going abroad to binding Apprentice in *Aberdeen*, and ſhall ſhow to the Satisfaction of the Governors that he has a reaſonable Proſpect of getting Employment abroad, there may be paid, if the Governors think proper, a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds ſterling, for fitting him out, which ſhall be in full of all Demands on the Hoſpital.

VIII. As the Preſident and Governors of the Hoſpital have, by an Agreement made with the Principal and Profeſſors of the *Mariſchal College* in *Auguſt* 1781, a Title to recommend annually Four Boys, who ſhall thereupon be allowed to attend the Mathematical or Natural Philoſophy Claſſes in ſaid College, or both, as the Governors ſhall deſire, and be inſtructed in theſe Branches, in the ſame Manner, and under the ſame Diſcipline as the other Students, without paying any Fees whatever: in caſe any of the Boys who have been educated in the Hoſpital, and behaved themſelves well while in it, ſhall diſcover any Genius and Inclination for learning theſe Branches, or either of them, the Governors will recommend them to the Profeſſors to be taught *gratis*.

POWERS

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OF THE

MASTER

OF

ROBERT GORDON's HOSPITAL,

AND

REGULATIONS

To be obſerved by him.

I. HE ſhall have Power to govern the Children and Servants within the Houſe.

II. He ſhall ſee that the Children and Servants be brought up and inſtructed in the Fear of God; and he, with the Schoolmaſters, ſhall not only conduct them to and from Church both Forenoon and Afternoon every *Sunday*, but ſhall every *Sunday* Evening catechiſe and inſtruct them in the common Grounds and Principles of Faith and of the Chriſtian Religion, and ſhall take account from them of what they have obſerved of the Lectures and Sermons in the Church, and recapitulate to them the Heads thereof.

III.

III. He ſhall perform Family Worſhip in the Hoſpital by Prayer and Praiſes twice every Week Day, and thrice every *Sunday*. And he ſhall as oft read or cauſe ſome of the School-maſters or Children read a Portion of the holy Scriptures diſtinctly.

IV. He ſhall take care that the Boys behave themſelves properly, and obſerve the Regulations preſcribed them, and that if any of them are guilty of ſwearing, lying, ſtealing, quarrelling, fighting, ſpoiling their Cloaths or Chambers, or other ſuch Miſdemeanours, they receive due Correction and Chaſtiſement publickly.

V. The Governors having reſolved that the Hoſpital ſhall be viſited, and the whole Boys publickly examined in their Preſence twice in the Year, *viz.* upon the Second *Monday* of *February*, and Second *Monday* of *Auguſt*, the Maſter ſhall take Care to call all the Governors to attend theſe public Examinations by Cards, mentioning the Day and Hour of meeting, which Cards he ſhall give to the Officer to be delivered to the Governors, or left at their Houſes on the *Saturday* before the Meeting. And on theſe Days of Viſitation he ſhall have in readineſs, and lay before the Governors, a Liſt of the whole Boys in the Houſe, diſtinguiſhing by what Maſter they are taught, with Six Columns annexed: In the firſt of which Columns ſhall be marked the

the Ages of the Boys; in the ſecond, the Times of their Admiſſion; in the third, the Branches of Education they are learning; in the fourth, what Proficiency they have made in them; in the fifth Column, oppoſite to the Names of ſuch Boys as have been Three Years in the Houſe, what Obſervations he has made in the Courſe of his weekly Examinations, of their Genius and Diſpoſitions, and what Trades they ſeem fit for or are diſpoſed to follow, that the Governors may direct their future Inſtruction accordingly; and in the ſixth Column ſhall be marked what Boys he conſiders as fit to go out to Trades, and what Trades and Maſters they have in view.

VI. The Maſter ſhall keep a Book, which ſhall be called, *the Journal of the Houſe*, in which he ſhall enter Copies of the fore-mentioned Liſts and whole Obſervations, and Minutes of Procedure of the Governors at their Viſitations, and the whole Licences of Abſence which ſhall be granted by the Preſident and Auditors to himſelf or any other of the Maſters, and he ſhall enter into it alſo the Time of their Return to the Hoſpital, immediately on their Return, and all material Occurrences in the Hoſpital, and this Book he ſhall lay before the Governors at every quarterly Meeting, along with the original Licences of Abſence granted during that Quarter, which he ſhall preſerve for that purpoſe.

VII.

VII. He ſhall take particular notice that all the Schoolmaſters, Officers, and Servants within the Hoſpital diſcharge properly the Duty that is enjoined them by the Statutes; and in caſe any of them be remiſs or negligent, he he ſhall repreſent the ſame firſt to the Treaſurer, and afterwards to the Governors at their firſt Meeting following the Tranſgreſſion: and to enable him to do ſo with Preciſion, he ſhall, immediately after obſerving the Tranſgreſſion, enter the ſame in the Journal of the Houſe.

VIII. He ſhall take his Turn with the Schoolmaſters as Hebdomader, and ſhall in his Week diſcharge the Duty of Hebdomader over and above his other Duty as Maſter.

IX The Duty of Hebdomader ſhall be as follows: He ſhall never, except on *Sundays* when at Church, be out of the Houſe, or at leaſt without the Bounds of the Garden, ſo as he may be always at hand, and in caſe of any Emergency requiring his Abſence at any Time, he muſt find one of the other Maſters to undertake his Duty while abſent; but upon no Account, nor in any caſe, ſhall all the Maſters be abſent at one Time. It ſhall more particularly be the Hebdomader's Duty to take care that all the Regulations with reſpect to the Boys be duly obſerved; that the Boys riſe in the Morning and go to Bed at Night at the ſtated Hours, and that all Fires and Lights be

Hebdomader's Duty.

duly extinguiſhed. And for this Purpoſe, he ſhall every Night go into all the Boys Bed-chambers after they are in Bed. He ſhall at Noon every Day again viſit all the Boys Apartments, and obſerve whether the Rooms and Beds are clean and neatly kept. He ſhall conſtantly attend at all Meals, and whatever Faults or Tranſgreſſions he ſhall obſerve in the courſe of the Day, he ſhall report publickly next Morning in School, that they may be corrected. He alone ſhall be obliged to attend the School the Evening Hour, except the Two Days in the Week on which the Maſter is appointed to examine the Boys.

X. The Maſter ſhall employ the Evening Hour of every *Tueſday* and *Thurſday*, whether he be then Hebdomader or not, in examining the whole Boys publickly as to their Progreſs in the different Branches of Education for the preceeding Week.

XI. He ſhall from Two to Three o'clock Afternoon of every Week Day, (*Saturday*, and other Play Days excepted) teach ſuch of the elder Boys as the Governors at their ſeveral Viſitations ſhall direct, the Elements of Geometry, Geography, Book-keeping and French.

XII He ſhall not be a Night out of the Hoſpital without Leave of the Preſident or Two of the Auditors, which Leave muſt be in writing, and muſt be entered in the Journal of the

the Houſe, as well as the Time of their Return.

XIII. He ſhall by Cards call the Auditors, Phyſician, Treaſurer and Clerk, to attend the Two Annual Meetings appointed for receiving Boys into the Hoſpital; and he ſhall warn the Parents or Relations of the Boys to be admitted, to have the Boys and their Cautioners preſent.

XIV. He ſhall take care, that previous to the Days of Admiſſion, the Taylor, Shoemaker, and other Tradeſmen, have the Boys Cloaths and other Neceſſaries in readineſs.

XV. He ſhall, once every Month, take in the Houſe-keeper's Accounts, and ſee that the ſettled Allowances be duly diſtributed to all within the Hoſpital by the Houſe-keeper, in order that he may be able, from his own proper Knowledge, to atteſt and ſign the Houſe-keeper's Accounts at the End of each Month, that they may be comptrolled by the Treaſurer, Auditors, and whole Governors ſucceſſively.

XVI. He ſhall keep in a Book, an exact Inventary of the Houſhold Furniture, and deliver it to the Auditors yearly, on the Second Monday of *November*.

XVII. He ſhall take care that the Out Teachers do punctually attend the Boys, at the Hours appointed for them, and diſcharge

their Duty properly; and if they do ſo, he ſhall give them Certificates thereof, ſo as to entitle them to receive their Salaries: he ſhall enter in the Journal of the Houſe, any Neglect of Duty he obſerves in them, and report the ſame to the Governors at their next Quarterly Meeting.

XVIII. In caſe of any of the Boys abſenting himſelf from the Houſe for any Space during the Day-time without Leave, the Maſter may receive him back, and judge of and correct for the Fault; but in caſe the Boy has been a whole Night abſent, he ſhall not be received back without the Authority of the Auditors; and if he has been a Week abſent, without the Authority of the Governors.

XIX. He ſhall, even when not Hebdomader, take care that the Hours for the Boys riſing and going to Bed, of extinguiſhing Lights and Fires, of Attendance in School, and for Meals, be duly and punctually obſerved, and ſhall mark in the Journal and report to the Governors, any flagrant Tranſgreſſions.

XX He ſhall take care that all Strangers be diſmiſſed from the Hoſpital, and the Doors ſhut and locked at Ten o'Clock, at fartheſt, every Night, and that the Keys be brought to him and left with him. But Two Keys for the principal South Door of the Houſe, ſhall be provided and delivered to the Maſter, and with one of theſe Keys, he may, on ſufficient Cauſe

ſhewn,

ſhewn, occaſionally indulge any of the School-maſters or others of the Family, the Name of the Perſon receiving ſuch Indulgence, and the Time, being always marked in the Journal of the Houſe, to be laid before the Governors at their next general Meeting, that they may ſee that no Abuſe is made of this Indulgence. But in general, the whole Family are to be within Doors by Ten o'Clock, at fartheſt, and the Maſter is to take care that it be ſo, and that no Paſs Keys be kept or uſed.

XXI. He muſt be ready at every Quarterly Meeting, to anſwer to the Governors as to the Conduct of all within the Houſe, and their obſervance of the Regulations.

XXII. He ſhall, along with the Treaſurer, endeavour to find out proper Maſters for the Boys going out of the Hoſpital.

XXIII. He ſhall attend to the Cleanlineſs and Health of the Boys in the Hoſpital, and in caſe any of them die in the Hoſpital, he ſhall ſuperintend their Funerals, and take care that the Expence do not exceed Forty Shillings Sterling; of which Ten Shillings to be for the Coffin, and the Burial Crape not exceeding One Shilling per Yard: he ſhall invite all the Governors to attend the Burial, and take care that no Expence for Wine or Drink be incurred or ſuffered.

XXIV. He ſhall take care that no Officer or Servant in the Houſe, receive any Gift or Perquiſite from the Children, or their Parents or Friends.

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REGULATIONS

FOR THE

SCHOOLMASTERS.

I. THE Schoolmaſters ſhall teach the Boys ſuch Branches of Education, by ſuch Diviſions, and in ſuch Manner, as ſhall be directed by the Governors at a general Viſitation, to be held the Second Monday of *Auguſt* yearly.

II. They ſhall duly attend the Hoſpital, and ſhall not be abſent at any of the Hours appointed for teaching, without Leave from the Maſter, nor a Night without Licence in Writing from the Preſident, or Two of the Auditors.

III. No ſuch Licence ſhall be granted, except on Cauſe ſhewn, and on the Recommendation of the Maſter, ſpecifying the Time required.

IV. The written Licence ſhall ſpecify the Time of Abſence allowed; and after being obtained, it ſhall be delivered in by the Schoolmaſter obtaining the ſame, to the Maſter, who ſhall preſerve it.

V.

V. That all ſuch written Licences be, when ſo delivered to the Maſter, entered in the Journal of the Houſe.

VI. That the Time of the Return of the Perſon who obtained ſuch Licence be, immediately after his return, entered by the Maſter in the Journal.

VII. That Licence of Abſence ſhall not be given to more than One of the Maſters, at the ſame Time.

VIII. That each of the Schoolmaſters ſhall act as Hebdomader, in turn with the Maſter.

IX. The Schoolmaſters ſhall pay particular Attention to the Books, Pens, Cloaths and every other Article belonging to the Boys under their immediate Tuition; and they, as well as the principal Maſter, ſhall pay Attention to the Morals and Conduct of all the Boys in every Reſpect, as well out of School, as while in School: and they ſhall, when neceſſary, chaſtiſe the Boys under the Direction of the Maſter; but ſhall not puniſh for groſs Faults except in Public.

RULES

FOR

OUT-MASTERS.

I. THE Muſic Maſter ſhall attend the Boys Thrice a Week, *viz.* on *Mondays*, *Tueſdays* and *Wedneſdays*, from Twelve Noon to One Afternoon.

II. The Drawing Maſter ſhall, during the Summer Seaſon only, attend the Boys Thrice a Week alſo, *viz.* on *Thurſdays*, *Fridays* and *Saturdays*, from Twelve Noon to One Afternoon.

III. They muſt obtain from the Maſter, a Certificate of their due Attendance, and deliver the ſame to the Treaſurer, before they can receive their Salaries.

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FOR THE

MISTRESS

OR

HOUSE-KEEPER.

I. THE Miſtreſs ſhall have the Charge of keeping and diſtributing all the Proviſions within the Houſe.

II. She ſhall daily ſet down in a particular Book, an Account of all Proviſions bought for the Uſe of the Houſe, and ſhall alſo keep an Account of the Proviſions expended; and at the End of every Month, ſhe ſhall ſum up the Total of all Proviſions conſumed in that Month; and what of the ſeveral Proviſions is not conſumed, is to be Part of the Charge of the Month following: and ſhe is to deliver her Account monthly to the Maſter, to be examined and atteſted.

III. She is to provide and buy in all Proviſions for the Houſe, with Advice of the

Treaſurer, and may be intruſted by him with the Money neceſſary for that Purpoſe.

IV. She ſhall overſee the making ready of the Diet, agreeable to the eſtabliſhed Bill of Fare, and take care that it be neatly done, and ready at the appointed Hours.

V. She ſhall take care that the Firing provided for the Houſe, be managed in the moſt frugal Manner.

VI. She ſhall have the Charge of keeping all the Bedding and Bed Cloaths, Bed and Table Linen and Furniture, alſo the Boys Cloaths and Linen, and ſhall keep an exact Inventary of the ſame.

VII. She ſhall keep an exact Inventary of the Furniture, in all theſe Apartments of the Houſe that are immediately under her own Management and Inſpection, and take care that the ſame be not abuſed or embezzled.

VIII. She ſhall engage the Maid-Servants, and have the Overſight and Direction of them.

REGULATIONS

FOR

MAID-SERVANTS.

I. THere ſhall be hired by the Miſtreſs, ſuch a Number of Maid-ſervants as the Treaſurer and ſhe ſhall judge neceſſary, at ſuch Wages as the Treaſurer and ſhe ſhall think reaſonable for the Time.

II. Theſe Maid-ſervants ſhall bake, brew, dreſs the Victuals, and keep all things belonging to the Kitchen clean and in good Order.

III. They ſhall waſh and dreſs all the Linen belonging to the Houſe, whether of the Maſter, Schoolmaſters, Boys or Servants; and they ſhall alſo, with the Aſſiſtance of the Miſtreſs, mend all the Boys Linens and Stockings.

IV. They ſhall dreſs the Boys at the Hours appointed for that Purpoſe, and keep them clean.

V. They ſhall attend ſuch of the Boys as are ſick.

VI. They ſhall keep clean all the Apartments, and make all the Beds.

VII. The Miſtreſs may divide or vary their ſeveral Charges as ſhe finds occaſion; and in all Works they ſhall be under her Direction, and take Part in them, as ſhe ſhall from time to time order.

VIII. They ſhall not ſuffer any Perſon to have acceſs to the Boys in the Hoſpital, or call any of the Boys to any Perſon, without Permiſſion of the Maſter, or in his Abſence of the Hebdomader.

IX. They ſhall not allow any of the Boys to come into the Kitchen, or if they come in, they ſhall inform the Maſter or Hebdomader.

X. They ſhall not employ the Boys in running Errands for them, without the Authority of the Maſters, and obtaining a Ticket.

XI. They ſhall throw no Naſtineſs of any kind, or Water, from the Windows of the Houſe.

RULES

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FOR THE

TREASURER.

I. HE ſhall receive all the Hoſpital Rents and Annual-rents, and keep all the Stock and Money belonging to the Hoſpital.

II. He ſhall pay all Wages and Allowances due to the Officers and Servants, and all Neceſſaries for the Children or any other belonging to the Hoſpital.

III. He is to look diligently to the Reparation of the Building, and pay out the Expence.

IV. He is to uplift and re-employ principal Sums, but only when ordered by the Governors.

V. He is to viſit the Hoſpital at leaſt twice a Week, and is to obſerve and ſuperintend the Maſter, Officers and Servants in the Hoſpital, their Conduct and due officiating in their ſeveral Stations, and that the Diet prepared for the Boys be good, wholeſome, and ſufficient, agreeable to the Bill of Fare; he ſhall frequently viſit all the publick Rooms in the Houſe,

Houſe, particularly the School, and he ſhall go into the Boys Bed-rooms and inſpect the Beds, and obſerve whether every Thing be kept clean and in good Order, and is required to report to the Governors his Obſervations of any Miſbehaviour or Neglect of Duty at every quarterly Meeting.

VI. He ſhall be preſent at all the Meetings of the Governors.

VII. He ſhall at the End of every Quarter make up an exact Account and State of his whole Deburſements and Management for the preceeding Quarter, and ſhall lay the ſame, with the Vouchers, before the Auditors of the Hoſpital Accounts on the Second *Monday* of *February*, *May*, *Auguſt* and *November* yearly, to be by them examined and compared with the Vouchers, and allowed or comptrolled: and theſe Accounts and Vouchers, with the Report of the Auditors thereupon, are to lie on the Table for the Inſpection of all concerned, till the quarterly General Meetings on the third *Mondays* of ſaid Months, when they are to be publickly read over in Preſence of the whole Governors attending, and to be then finally allowed or comptrolled; and the Allowances thereof, or Determination of the Governors thereupon, ſhall be marked by the Clerk, and ſigned by the Preſes and all the Governors preſent, to the Number at leaſt of Eight.

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VIII. The Treaſurer ſhall in like manner in the Month of *November* yearly make up one general Account of the whole Receipts and Expenditures for the preceeding Year, diſtinguiſhing, as at preſent, the Expence under the various Heads, with a State of the Funds of the Hoſpital, and lay the ſame, fairly wrote into a Book, before the Auditors on the ſecond *Monday* of *November* yearly, to be then audited and allowed or comptrolled, as aforeſaid. And their Report thereupon ſhall be ſigned and lie, with the Accounts and Vouchers, on the Table for Inſpection, till the third *Monday* of *November* yearly, and ſhall then be publickly read in Preſence of the whole Governors, and approved or comptrolled as aforeſaid, and which are to be finally ſettled before the new Governors are received.

IX. He ſhall undertake no new or extraordinary Work, the Expence of which may exceed *Five Pounds Sterling*, without the Authority of Two Auditors at leaſt, nor any new or extraordinary Work, the Expence of which may amount to *Thirty Pounds*, without the Authority of the Governors.

X. Before the Treaſurer pay any Accompt of Merchants, Tradeſmen or others, excepting the ſtated Salaries and ſettled Proviſions for the Diet of thoſe in the Hoſpital, he ſhall lay the ſame before Two at leaſt of the Auditors, and obtain their Warrant for the Payment.

XI.

XI. He ſhall aſſiſt the Maſter in finding proper Maſters for the Boys going out to Trades, and ſign their Indentures on behalf of the Governors, they or one of the Auditors having firſt approved of the Maſter propoſed, and in theſe Indentures he may become bound to pay *Eight Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence* Sterling of Apprentice Fee at the firſt Term of *Whitſunday* or *Martinmaſs*, Year and Day after ſigning the Indenture.

XII. In ordinary Caſes, where a Boy educated in the Hoſpital has ſerved an Apprenticeſhip, and ſhall produce his Indenture, after Expiry thereof, duly diſcharged by the Maſter, the Treaſurer, if no Complaint appears, may pay ſuch Boy *Five Pounds* Sterling, without the Neceſſity of particular Application to the Governors or Auditors.

XIII. He ſhall not enter into any Indenture for any of the Boys educated in the Hoſpital, with any Maſter living without the Town of *Aberdeen*, without the Authority in Writing of a general Meeting.

XIV. He is to enter into and ſign ſuch Tacks as may be ſet to any Tenants of the Hoſpital's Lands, but which muſt be firſt directed by the Governors, and a Scroll thereof approved by them.

XV. He ſhall obſerve that the Tenants manage

nage their Poſſeſſions properly, and comply with the Terms of their Tacks.

VI. He ſhall not pay any of the Out-maſters their ſeveral Salaries, until they produce and lodge with him Atteſtations from the Head Maſter of the Houſe, of their due and punctual Attendance at the Hours appointed for them.

RULES

FOR THE

CLERK.

I. HE ſhall fairly and faithfully keep in order all the Evidents and other Papers whatever belonging to the Hoſpital.

II. He ſhall attend the Governors at their Meetings, and draw all Orders and Reſolutions made by them.

III. He ſhall keep a clear and diſtinct Record or Minute-book of all the Proceedings of the Governors, containing a full, plain Narrative of every thing that is done or tranſacted, and which ſhall be atteſted and ſigned by the Preſes of the Meeting for the Time; he ſhall mark on the Margin of each Sederunt, the material Things tranſacted that Day, and ſhall make up an alphabetical Index pointing to the particular Sederunt or Statute, where every Matter concerning the Hoſpital is treated of.

IV. He ſhall draw all Manner of Evidents, Securities and Writings which ſhall be made betwixt

betwixt the Hoſpital and any Perſon, for which he ſhall receive the ordinary Fees, over and above his ſtated Salary.

V. He ſhall cauſe Cards be printed for calling the Governors and Auditors to their ſeveral ſtated Meetings, mentioning the Day and Hour of meeting, and theſe Cards he ſhall the Day before the Meeting give to the Officer, to be delivered to the Governors, or to be left at their Houſes.

VI. He ſhall carry on and continue, as at preſent, the Regiſter of the Boys received into the Hoſpital, ſpecifying their Names, Title, Age, Time of Admiſſion and Diſmiſſion, the Maſter to whom bound, the Apprentice-Fee, and After-allowances paid, and other material Circumſtances relative to them, as alſo the alphabetical Index of their Names.

VII. He ſhall keep the Book called the *Moſs Book*, and enter therein all Proceedings of the Governors or their Committees relative to the Hoſpital's Moſſes, as they occur, with the Inſtructions to their Moſs Grieves, and all Reports on the Subject of the Moſſes.

VIII. He ſhall keep another Book, wherein he ſhall copy all Charters or Tacks of the Hoſpital's Lands or other Eſtates, and all Contracts of Importance 'twixt the Governors and all Perſons whatever.

IX. He ſhall bring up and continue the Inventary Book of Writings belonging to the Hoſpital.

X. He ſhall keep the Book for the Enactments of the Parents or Friends of the Children received into the Hoſpital, and enter therein all future Enactments.

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CHARTER,

ERECTING THE

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNORS

OF

Robert Gordon's HOSPITAL

In ABERDEEN,

Into one Body Politic.

1772.

GEORGE by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith. To all good Men to whom our preſent Letters ſhall come, Greeting. FORASMUCHAS WE, conſidering that our faithful and beloved the Provoſt, Baillies, Town-council, and four Miniſters of the City of *Aberdeen*, as Governors and Truſtees of *Robert Gordon's* Hoſpital within the ſaid City, by their Petition humbly repreſented to us, that by a Deed of Conveyance, bearing date the *Thirteenth* Day of the Month of December, *One Thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty nine*, Robert Gordon, Merchant in *Aberdeen*, made over Preamble.

over the Sum of *Ten Thouſand Pounds* ſterling Money, together with all other his real and perſonal eſtates, in Favour of the Provoſt, Baillies, Town-council, and Four Miniſters of the City of *Aberdeen*, and their Succeſſors in office, in truſt for building, endowing and ſupporting an Hoſpital to be called *Robert Gordon's Hoſpital*, for maintaining and educating indigent male Children, and male Grand-children of decayed Merchants, and Brethren of Guild of the ſaid City of *Aberdeen*, and others therein mentioned. And that by the Death of the ſaid *Robert Gordon*, which happened ſoon after, the Petitioners as Truſtees aforeſaid, entered to the Poſſeſſion of his Eſtates, built an Hoſpital in terms of his ſpecial Directions given by him, and now have governed this Charity more than Forty Years: In the courſe of which Time the Funds are greatly increaſed, and that Doubts have lately ariſen, whether the ſaid Petitioners ſimply, as Truſtees of a private Endowment, could acquire Lands, raiſe and defend Actions. Therefore to prevent theſe Doubts, the ſaid Petitioners humbly prayed us to grant to them Our Royal Charter, incorporating them and their Succeſſors in Office, under the Name of the Preſident and Governors of *Robert Gordon's* Hoſpital in *Aberdeen*, with all the Powers uſually given to Bodies corporate of the like Nature: but ſubject to, and under all the Conditions and Ordinances of the original Deed of Endowment. WE having taken the ſaid Petition, together with the

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ſaid Deed of Endowment, of Date the *Thirteenth* Day of the Month of *December*, in the Year of God *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Twenty-nine*, and an Appendix thereof, bearing Date the *Nineteenth* Day of the Month of *September*, in the Year of God *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Thirty*, into our deliberate Conſideration, and being willing to give all proper Encouragement or Favour to ſuch a laudable and beneficial Charity and Endowment:

THEREFORE, in Compliance with the ſaid Petition, and by virtue of our royal Prerogative, and our ſpecial Favour, certain Knowledge, and free Will, we have given, conſtituted, declared, and appointed, as we by the Tenor of theſe Preſents, give, conſtitute, and appoint, that the Provoſt, Baillies, Town-counſellors, and Four Miniſters of the City of *Aberdeen*, and their Succeſſors in theſe Offices reſpectively for the Time, ſhall be, and be called one Corporation and Body corporate and Politic, in Deed and in Name, by the Name and Title of THE PRESIDENT AND GOVERNORS OF ROBERT GORDON's HOSPITAL IN ABERDEEN, and they and their Succeſſors in the ſaid Offices, ſhall have a perpetual Succeſſion, for the Purpoſes, and better and more effectual governing directing, ordering, and appointing in all Matters and Buſineſs, reſpecting the ſaid *Robert Gordon's* Hoſpital within the ſaid City of *Aberdeen*, and Funds pertaining to the ſame, and

The Provoſt, Baillies, Town-counſellors, and Four Miniſters, erected into one Body corporate.

and for carrying into Execution the ſeveral Orders and Regulations, and general and particular Directions and Intentions of the ſaid *Robert Gordon*, as contained and expreſſed in his Deeds of Endowment of the ſame, herein before mentioned, but no farther, nor in any other Manner. AND WE, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, by theſe Preſents really and fully make, erect, create, conſtitute, and eſtabliſh the Provoſt, Baillies, Town-counſellors, and Four Miniſters of the ſaid City of *Aberdeen*, and their Succeſſors in the ſaid Offices reſpectively, into a Corporation and Body corporate and politic for ever, under the Name and Title of the Preſident and Governors of *Robert Gordon's* Hoſpital in *Aberdeen*, with Power to them, or the major Part of them, of governing, directing, ordering, and appointing in all Matters and Things concerning and reſpecting the Government of the Eſtates, Funds, and other Buſineſs and Affairs of the ſaid Hoſpital, according and agreeably to the ſeveral Orders and Regulations, and general and particular Directions and Intention of the aforeſaid *Robert Gordon*, as expreſſed and contained in his above mentioned Deeds and Endowments of the ſaid Hoſpital, and no further nor in any other Manner.

The Powers of the Corporation.

And that the ſaid Corporation, under the Name and Title aforeſaid, ſhall have full Power, and be able, and become capable in Law to acquire, receive, hold, poſſeſs, enjoy, and

and retain Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of whatſoever Nature, Kind, or Quality; PROVIDING ALWAYS, that the clear yearly Rent of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments ſo to be acquired, or which are already acquired, do not exceed the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds ſterling, computing the Rents as they ſtood, or may ſtand, at the Time of acquiring reſpectively, deducting from thence the Feu Duties, Land Taxes, Miniſters Stipends, and other public Burdens; and likewiſe to give in Loan Monies upon heritable, or perſonal Securities, and hold Goods and Chattles, and to receive and hold Donations and Legacies for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; and alſo to impignorate, or wadſet any of the Lands, Tenements, or heritable Subjects, already acquired or purchaſed for behoof of the ſaid Hoſpital, or which at any future Time may be acquired or purchaſed; and to give and grant Leaſes, Tacks, or Aſſedations, of the ſaid Lands, Tenements, and other heritable Subjects, and to feu out the ſame by Way of perpetual Location: AND MOREOVER, it ſhall be lawful, and competent for them, under the Name and Title aforeſaid, to plead, and be impleaded, ſue and be ſued, defend and be defended, in any Courts and Places, and before whatſoever Judges, Juſtices, or other Officers, in all Actions, Proceſſes, Cauſes, Complaints, Accounts, Matters, and Demands whatſoever, in ſuch Manner and Form as is lawful and competent

To purchaſe Lands not exceeding 500l. ſterling of yearly free Rent, &c.

for any of our Subjects, or for any other incorporate or politic Body: FURTHER, the said President and Governors shall have a common Seal, for the Use and Business of them and their Successors; and it shall be lawful and allowable for them and their Successors to break and change the same Seal from Time to Time, as to them or the major Part of them shall seem expedient.

To have & use a common Seal.

AND MOREOVER, we will, and by these Presents for Us and our Royal Successors, ordain and appoint the Provost of the City of *Aberdeen*, for the Time being, or in case of his Absence, or any Vacancy in the said Office of Provost, the Magistrate next to him in Degree and Seniority, residing for the Time in the said City, to be, and by these Presents he is declared to be, perpetual President of the said Corporation; and in all Causes where the Voices are equal, he shall have a Supernumerary or decisive Voice, over and above his own proper Vote, as a Member of the said Corporation; and in all Disputes which may arise among the said President and Governors, the same shall be determined by a Plurality of Voices.

The Provost, and in his Absence the Magistrate next to him in seniority declared to be President, and to have a casting Vote besides his own proper Vote.

AND WE, for Us and our Successors, likewise direct, order, and appoint, that yearly hereafter, there shall be held Four general Courts of the said Corporation, on every following Third *Monday* of the Month of *August*, the

Four General Quarterly Courts to be held the Third Monday of February, May, Au-

the Third *Monday* of the Month of *November*, the Third *Monday* of the Month of *February*, and the Third *Monday* of the Month of *May*, at ſuch Place or Places, Hour or Hours (not ſooner than Nine o'Clock in the Forenoon, or later than Six o'Clock in the Afternoon,) as the ſaid Preſident and Governors ſhall from Time to Time direct, with Power of adjourning, as to them ſhall ſeem expedient; and with Power to the ſaid Preſident of the aforeſaid Corporation, for the Time being, at his Pleaſure, or upon a Requiſition in writing from any Two Governors (to which the Preſident by theſe Preſents is required to give his Aſſent) at all Times, upon giving Twenty-four Hours Premonition to the Governors, to call and hold General Courts; and which General Courts, held by Adjournment, or by Virtue of the aforeſaid Calls, ſhall have the ſame Power and Authority to all Intents and Purpoſes, as Quarterly General Courts have; and that the Firſt General Court of the ſaid Corporation, ſhall be held on *Monday* the Twenty-fourth of *Auguſt*, in this preſent Year One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-two, at the ſaid Hoſpital, in the uſual Place where the Governors and Truſtees of the ſaid Hoſpital have generally held their Meetings, and between the Hours of Ten and Eleven of that Day: AND WE further grant and declare, that the ſaid Preſident and Governors in general quarterly Courts aſſembled, ſhall have full Power and Authority to ap-

guſt, and November yearly, with Power of Adjournment, &c.

The Preſident at his Pleaſure or upon a Requiſition from Two of the Managers, upon Twenty four Hours warning, to call and hold General Courts.

Power to appoint Committees.

point Committees of their own Number, for the more immediate Inſpection and Direction of the Buſineſs of the ſaid Hoſpital, and the ſeveral Parts thereof, and Officers and Servants employed therein; and with ſuch other further Powers as to the ſaid Preſident and Governors, ſo aſſembled as aforeſaid, ſhall ſeem neceſſary and expedient, for the Purpoſes above mentioned; BUT DECLARING always, that the ſaid Committees, in all their Actings and Determinations, are ſubjected to the reviſal and Controul of the General Courts of the ſaid Corporation.

Subject to the Review and Controul of the General Court.

AND WE alſo grant Power and Authority to the ſaid Preſident and Governors in general Courts aſſembled, of nominating, appointing, and employing Officers, Servants, and other Perſons, neceſſary to be employed in the managing and carrying on the Buſineſs and Affairs of the ſaid Corporation; and from Time to Time of removing them, and putting others in their Place, and of increaſing or diminiſhing their Number, as to the ſaid Preſident and Governors ſhall ſeem proper, and the Buſineſs of the ſaid Corporation ſhall make neceſſary; and from Time to Time of limiting and appointing ſuch Salaries or Wages to the ſaid Officers, Servants, and other Perſons as to the ſaid Preſident and Governors ſhall ſeem proper and adequate. BUT DECLARING always, that theſe ſeveral Appointments, Removals, Augmentations, Alterations, Salaries

Officers & Servants to be appointed and removed at Pleaſure.

Their Salaries.

ries and Wages, ſhall be made and done in all things according to, and in Terms of the Powers given by the ſaid *Robert Gordon* to the Governors and Truſtees of his Hoſpital, in the ſeveral Deeds executed by him relative thereto, and not further or in any other Way.

To be done according to the original Deeds of Endowment.

AND WE for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, give and grant to the ſaid Preſident and Governors, and their Succeſſors, full Power and Authority, in General Courts aſſembled from Time to Time, of enacting, ordaining, and making ſuch and ſo many private Laws, Conſtitutions, Orders, and Ordinances, as they, or the major Part of them then and there preſent, ſhall judge proper and neceſſary for the better Government and Direction of the ſaid Corporation and Hoſpital; and of altering or annulling the ſaid private Laws, Conſtitutions, Orders, and Ordinances, or any of them, as to the ſaid Preſident and Governors ſo aſſembled, or the major Part of them then preſent, ſhall judge proper; PROVIDING always, that the ſaid private Laws, Conſtitutions, Orders, and Ordinances, from Time to Time ſo to be made and impoſed, ſhall not be contrary or repugnant to the Laws of the Realm, or the Tenor of this our preſent Charter, or to the Deeds of Endowment of the ſaid *Robert Gordon*, and ſo as ſuch private Laws, Conſtitutions, Orders, and Ordinances from Time to Time to be impoſed, and any Repeal or Alteration of them, or any of them, ſhall likewiſe be

The Preſident and Governors to make By-laws.

And to alter and annul them.

Theſe By-laws not to contrary to the Deeds of Endowment, &c.

And to be confirmed by the general Court.

be agreed to, eſtabliſhed and confirmed by the general Court of the ſaid Corporation, to be held and kept next after the ſame are reſpectively made.

All Eſtates and Rights confirmed to the Corporation.

AND FURTHER, we out of our ſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge, and free Will, have granted and confirmed, and by theſe Preſents for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, give and confirm to the ſaid Preſident and Governors of the ſaid Hoſpital, and their Succeſſors, all Eſtates, Rights, Intereſts, Benefits, Advantages, Powers, Privileges, and other Matters and Things contained in the Deed of Endowment, of Date the Thirteenth Day of the Month of *December*, in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Twenty-nine; and Appendix thereto, of Date the Nineteenth Day of the Month of *September*, in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Thirty, made and granted by the ſaid *Robert Gordon*, to and in favour of the aforeſaid Perſons, now by theſe Preſents appointed Preſident and Governors of the ſaid Corporation, as Truſtees for the ſaid *Robert Gordon's* Hoſpital: AND ALSO, the ſaid Deed of Endowment, and Appendix themſelves, and all Clauſes, Things, and Matters contained in them, or either of them; and all and ſingular Eſtates, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Leaſes, Contracts, Bargains, Sales, Purchaſes, Acts, Tranſmiſſions, Debts, Credits, Goods and Chattles, and other Mat-

And alſo the Deeds of Endowment.

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ters and Things whatſoever, by them the ſaid Governors and Truſtees of *Robert Gordon's* Hoſpital of *Aberdeen* heretofore received, enjoyed, exerciſed, held by Right, done or tranſacted; all and ſingular the ſaid Premiſes to be held and occupied, received and underſtood, exerciſed and enjoyed by them the ſaid Preſident and Governors, and their Succeſſors, and the Corporation aforeſaid for ever, and in the ſame ample and beneficial Manner, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as the ſaid Governors and Truſtees of the ſaid *Robert Gordon's* Hoſpital heretofore held, enjoyed, and exerciſed the ſame, under and by Virtue of the ſaid Deed of Endowment, of Date the Thirteenth Day of the Month of *December*, in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Twenty-nine; and Appendix thereto, dated the Nineteenth Day of the Month of *September*, in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Thirty; and under, and by Virtue of the ſeveral Acts and Deeds of the Governors of the ſaid *Robert Gordon's* Hoſpital, made and done in conſequence thereof; and of the Powers and Authorities given and granted unto them by the ſame, or claimed or aſſumed by them.

The Privileges and Rights in the Deeds of Endowment confirmed to the Corporation.

AND WE, for Us and our Heirs and Succeſſors, further ordain, direct, ſtatute, and declare, all the Rights, Powers, Authorities, Privileges, Orders, Regulations, Limitations, Reſtrictions, Conditions, Proviſions, and other Matters

Matters and Things in the ſaid Deed of Endowment, dated the Thirteenth Day of *December*, in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Twenty-nine; and Appendix thereto, bearing Date the Nineteenth Day of the Month of *September*, in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Thirty, as explained, enlarged, and confirmed by theſe Preſents, for ever hereafter to be applied and extended to the ſaid Preſident and Governors and their Succeſſors, and to the ſaid Corporation, in the ſame manner, and as fully and freely to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſaid Rights, Powers, Authorities, Privileges, Orders, Regulations, Limitations, Reſtrictions, Conditions, Proviſions, and other Matters and Things ſo explained, enlarged and confirmed as aforeſaid, had been ſeverally and particularly enumerated and regranted or impoſed by this our preſent Charter: Wherewith, WE, for Us and our Heirs and Succeſſors, diſpenſe for ever. And WE, for Us our Heirs and Succeſſors, GRANT and DECLARE theſe our Letters Patent ſhall be valid and effectual in all Things, and by all Things in Law, according to the true Intent and meaning of the ſame, and ſhall be taken, conſtrued and adjudged in the moſt favourable and beneficial Senſe to the higheſt Advantage of the ſaid Corporation, notwithſtanding any wrong Expreſſion, Defect, Uncertainty, or Imperfection in theſe our Letters Patent whatever. And laſtly, WE, for Us our Heirs and Suc-

As fully as if they were here enumerated.

This Right to be conſtrued in the moſt favourable Manner.

Succeſſors, covenant and agree to and with the ſaid Corporation or Body Politick, and their Succeſſors, by theſe Preſents; and WE promiſe to them, that WE, our Heirs and Succeſſors, from time to time and at all Times to come, upon the humble Petition and Requeſt of the ſaid Corporation or Body Politick, and their Succeſſors, ſhall give and grant to them all ſuch further and other Privileges, Authorities, Matters and Things, for rendering more effectual this our Grant, according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, which we or they might or could grant by Law; and which ſhall be reaſonably propoſed and deviſed by the Counſel learned in the Law of the ſaid Corporation or Body Politic for the time being, and which ſhall be approved by the Lord-advocate or Solicitor-general in *Scotland*, of Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, on our Part or theirs.

IN TESTIMONY HEREOF, we have cauſed to be affixed to theſe Preſents our Seal, appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and uſed in *Scotland* in place of the great Seal thereof. AT our Court of *St. James's*, the Fifteenth Day of the Month of *June*, in the Year of our Lord *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-two*, and of our Reign the Twelfth Year.

By a Signature ſuperſcribed with the Hand of our Sovereign Lord the King.

Written to the Seal, and regiſtrated the Firſt Day of *Auguſt*, 1772. So ſigned,

ALEXANDER WATSON, Depute.

Sealed at *Edinburgh*, the Eleventh Day of *Auguſt*, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-two.* So ſigned, JAMES PRINGLE.

[LXXX Pounds Scots]

THE END.